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## Global Wing Structure Program

On May 12, 2008, the Global Wing Structure Program Action Directive 08-01 was signed. This document formally initiated a maintenance/operations realignment which impacts the 56th Fighter Wing. Major changes include the following:

- Redesignation of the 56th Maintenance Group to the 56th Materiel Group
  - Realignment of aircraft maintenance units into the wing's fighter squadrons
  - Realignment of the 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron under the 56th Materiel Group
  - Deactivation of the 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Due to this, some phone numbers and missions may change as the 56th Fighter Wing continues to restructure its maintenance and operations functions.



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# GETTING TO LUKE

## DIRECTIONS

Located 30 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix and nine miles west of downtown Glendale, Luke is accessible by any mode of transportation.

By automobile, take Litchfield Road, exit 128, north from Interstate 10 (west of Phoenix), or take Glendale Avenue west from Interstate 17 (north of Phoenix). From Loop 101, head west on Glendale Avenue. Luke is at the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Litchfield Road—Turn left to get to the South Gate and Visitors' Center.

By air, you will arrive at Sky Harbor International Airport, south of Phoenix. Taxi and limousine charges to Luke can run as high as \$50, but a "super shuttle" service is available at more reasonable fare. Cost for the first person is about \$25, each additional person is only \$5.

## LOCATION

Centrally located in the Valley of the Sun, Luke is within easy driving distance of numerous recreational and sight-seeing points, including the Grand Canyon and Flagstaff ski slopes to the north, the beaches of California to the west, and Mexico, and the Sea of Cortez to the south.

The sixth largest state with 113,417 square miles, Arizona at its widest point is 395 miles long (north to south), and 340 miles wide (east to west).



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Lodging is open around the clock. Families may stay in one of 40 Temporary Lodging Facility units for up to 30 days based on availability. Six units allow pets in TLF. Reservations may be made 60 days in advance by calling (623) 856-3941 or DSN 896-3941.

Single airmen arriving PCS after duty hours or on weekends are lodged in VAQ until the first duty day. They are then assigned their squadron dormitory. Military personnel who expect to live in the local community must check with the Housing Office, Building 1150, for briefing, and counseling before seeking off-base housing. Rental and sales information is available.





# ONCE YOU'VE ARRIVED



At in-processing, members will complete all paperwork related to the move and go through an orientation to familiarize new arrivals with Luke's mission and its organizations. During the first two weeks, military members will be scheduled to attend mandatory courses in drug abuse, education, and driver's training. If required, some members will also attend maintenance training. During this time, members must update their Record of Emergency Data.

## P.O. BOX AND GENERAL DELIVERY SERVICE

Located in Building 545 on Mustang Street, this service is for inbound PSC, TDY, and dormitory residents only. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail can be addressed or forwarded to:

Your Rank and Name

General Delivery

Luke AFB, AZ 85309-9999

People who intend to reside off base may continue to receive general delivery service for a limited period of time. For single military personnel who will reside in on-base single quarters, the member's sponsor can get a P.O. Box number 90 days in advance by presenting a copy of the member's PCS orders to the Postal Service Center.

Regardless of a person's intended residence location, they should personally contact the Postal Service Center upon arrival. Be prepared to present a copy of their orders and their military ID card.

## IN-PROCESSING

During duty hours, which are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., new arrivals should report to their unit of assignment where they will in-process and be scheduled for base in-processing. Base in-processing is conducted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m., in Room 2102 of Building 1150. In-processing members must bring copies of their orders, as well as their personnel and finance records. Members are required to be in uniform.

TDY and PCS students should report to the lodging office in Building 660. Civilian employees should report to the Civilian Personnel Office weekdays between 8 a.m., and 4 p.m. in Room 1178 or Building 1150.





# PRIVATIZED HOUSING

## FAMILY HOUSING

Balfour Beatty Communities was selected by the Department of Defense as the partner to privatize family housing at Luke Air Force Base, located in Glendale, Ariz. With 598 homes in Saguaro Manor, north of Glendale Avenue and Ocotillo Manor, south of Glendale Avenue, Luke Air Force Base has it all. Quiet, bright and inviting, each home offers comfortable, luxurious living for any lifestyle with on-site management, numerous amenities and a great location. It's everything you could want and more!

Balfour Beatty Communities consists of several types of homes that are available based on rank and family size. Basic bedroom requirements are determined by the number of dependents residing with eligible member including qualified dependents up to age 23 who are students. The waiting time for privatized housing varies according to the number of bedrooms authorized, the member's rank and the time of year of arrival.

With proper documentation, a member arriving from an unaccompanied tour is put on the wait list effective the date he or she departed from CONUS after the top 10 percent of the wait list is frozen (freeze-zone); with maximum length of 18 months back date time. Providing the service member applies for housing within 30 days of arrival to Luke, their effective date will be the date they left their last duty station. All other applicants will use the date of application as their effective date.



Airmen and junior non-commissioned officer homes consist of two, three, and four bedroom multifamily units (duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes). Senior NCO's are offered three or four bedroom multifamily units. Key and Essential and Officers with families are offered single-detached three or four bedroom units.

All of our homes come with fully equipped kitchens, washer/dryer hookups, and central air conditioning. Our centrally located community center provides residents with amenities such as swimming pool, conference areas, media, and fitness rooms.





Caring and professional, the Balfour Beatty Communities management and maintenance team at Luke AFB is committed to providing each military member and their family with a quality home and superior customer service. Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, the GMH Military Housing team is ready to make your living experience at Luke AFB a pleasure. To contact the GMH Military Housing office call (623) 388-3515 or visit the web-site at [lukefamilyhousing.com](http://lukefamilyhousing.com).

## PET POLICY

Privatized housing residents are limited to two pets per home. For more information reference the Balfour Beatty Communities web page. [lukefamilyhousing.com](http://lukefamilyhousing.com) or contact the office at (623) 388-3515.

## DORMITORIES

For Airmen, there are several different dormitory styles at Luke. Most dormitory rooms are 1 plus 1 rooms; residents share a bathroom with the adjoining room and in some dorms the residents share a bathroom and kitchen, in those buildings there are community laundry room with multiple High Efficiency machines. Additionally there are two plus two rooms; two residents share a suite with the same entrance, shared kitchen and bathroom, they share a laundry room with the adjoining suite. Coming soon to Luke AFB is the Quad; four residents share a suite, each room in the suite has its own full bathroom, and all residents of the suite share a kitchen and laundry room. There are no shared permanent party

enlisted dormitory rooms at all, therefore, no roommates. All dormitories have common area recreation rooms, pool, and foosball tables, lounges and big screen television rooms. All dormitory and room assignments are made based on group integrity and are done by the Consolidated Dormitory Management Office (CDMO), located adjacent to Dormitory 635, across from the base post office.

Airmen desiring to reside off base may be approved for BAH only if the base-wide dormitory occupancy exceeds 92 percent. Applications can be made at the CDMO, approvals will be based on time in grade, promotions, and approval from members organization.

For further information, contact the CDMO at (623) 856-7841 or DSN 896-7841.

## OFF-BASE HOUSING

(SrA and below need to contact the housing office and First Sergeant before signing any contract for off base housing)

Department of Defense has implemented a new web-based program, Automated Housing Referral Network for military personnel, DoD civilians, and Retiree's. Eligible personnel can access web-site 24/7 for current listing of off-base rental property. To view what is available for rent at Luke AFB and the Phoenix metro area, go to [www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com). In addition to rental property listings the HMO has listing of sales property to help you with your search. Call or visit the Housing Management Office at (623) 856-7643 in Building 1150.

Utility bills vary widely depending on the size of the apartment or home and time of year. Utility costs are highest during the hot

summer months due to air conditioning energy demands. Average monthly utility estimates range from \$100 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$300 per month for a three- or four-bedroom home. High-demand devices such as pumps for swimming pools can significantly increase utility costs.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS DELIVERY

Household goods are delivered only after you arrive and call the Traffic Management Office (TMO). You may call TMO during normal duty hours at (623) 856-6425. Family Services, located in Building 1113, can lend housekeeping items until your household goods arrive. They can be reached at (623) 856-6415.

## CLAIMS

(Claims are done online now and personnel are briefed during inprocessing.)

Newcomers who suffer loss or damage to household goods during a move may submit a claim at the legal office. For a claims appointment call (623) 856-7371.

Generally you can avoid problems with a move by being home to accept delivery, requiring the carrier to unpack all goods, and clean up all debris, examining all goods for damage, and noting exceptions, and signing the inventory only after all items have been checked and exceptions noted.

If loss or damage occurs, you must notify the claims office within 70 days of delivery or the government cannot collect from the carrier and your claim may be reduced accordingly. For more information please call (623) 856-7371.





# AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS

## AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

The 56th Mission Support (56 MSS) Squadron Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) offers a variety of programs and services for families and single airmen, located in Building 1113, across from Fowler Park. Programs and services include:

Relocation Assistance is available for both arriving and departing personnel at the A&FRC. Newcomers receive information about the local area including community maps, brochures, school data, crime rates, recreational activities, and Heartlink, which is an interactive and fun spouse orientation. Departing members may access Military HOMEFRONT, which provides information about all major DoD installations and the surrounding communities and attend workshops on moving.

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) assists retiring or separating personnel develop a plan for civilian employment using links with community and national employment sources. Monthly, a three-day TAP Workshop is provided for job search preparation to help make them more marketable in a tough job market. Job Search Strategies, the labor market, networking, resume preparation, interviewing skills, how to research companies and VA benefits and entitlements are just a few of the subjects covered during the three-day workshop. The Discovery Center offers a full variety of automated employment services, current job opportunities and on-site registration with state employment services.



Spouse employment services help family members determine career goals, prepare for job searches, write resumes, and identify employment leads. The Discovery Center offers a full variety of automated employment services, current job opportunities, and on-site registration with state employment services.

The Volunteer Resource Program offers information on volunteer employment opportunities, training, and skills development base-wide, as well as an attractive incentive program for base volunteers.

Financial Assistance includes financial counselors who can assist in budget preparation, debt management, and resolution of credit problems. The Air Force Aid Society provides direct financial assistance for emergencies and for essential living expenses to eligible personnel and families. Referrals are available to local community sources that help supplement the food budgets for Airmen with children.





The Family Readiness Program focuses on offering support to the families of members on a remote tour, deployment or extended temporary duty. Monthly activities and many support programs ensure the military family is not forgotten when the service member gets called away for duty.

Family Life Education offers workshops and referrals relating to family communication, parenting, and personal interest topics such as self-esteem and assertiveness.

A&FRC offers general information and referral for on and off base community services. All arrivals are encouraged to visit and find out about services available to help them make Luke their home. Come by and find out why "We're never the wrong place to go." For more information, call (623) 856-6550.

## EDUCATION SERVICES

The 56th Mission Support Squadron Education Services Flight, located on the third floor in Building 1150, offers a variety of educational services for active duty Air Force personnel. Some programs and/or services are available to Air Force family members, DoD civilians and their family. Programs and services include:

The Air Force Tuition Assistance (TA) program pays 100 percent of an Airman's tuition cost for college courses up to a semester hour cap of \$250 and up to a maximum of \$4,500 per fiscal year.

On-base colleges and universities offer degree programs that can be completed (within a two to three year period) by students attending classes part time (off-duty). All five on-base schools (Rio Salado Community College, Park College, Wayland Baptist University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and Webster University) grant some credit to airmen for Air Force training or Professional Military Education. All five programs are open to civilians and military family members.

Educational counseling and advisement services include academic planning, college course, and program selection and requirements, information about financial aid, scholarship programs, college and university programs within the Phoenix area and colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) program combines military technical school credit, professional military education credit and credit earned via testing with

college credit culminating in an Associate of Applied Science Degree for active duty Air Force, Reserve, and Air Guard Airmen.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) testing program provides many examinations, free of charge, to active duty Air Force, Reserve and National Guard airmen. There are more than 100 tests available to earn college credit. Other types of tests available include college entrance exams such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Some tests are available to family members and other civilians, but are not provided free of charge. For more information, call (623) 856-7722.

## CAREER ASSISTANCE ADVISOR

The 56th Mission Support Squadron Career Assistance Advisor (CAA), located on the second floor of Building 156, acts as the principle advisor to commanders and supervisors on retention issues. The CAA provides information and guidance on career decisions, helps commanders develop career information, and motivation programs, conducts Right Decision briefings to first term airmen who are within their retraining and career job reservation (CJR) window and manages the







Professional Enhancement Courses for NCO's, and SNCO's. The CAA oversees FTAC.

### MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT

The 56th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight (MPF), located on the second floor of Building 1150, provides a variety of personnel services. The MPF operates on an appointment-only system, with the exception of the Customer Service section that accepts both appointments and walk-in traffic for ID Cards. However, active duty military in uniform get priority service, but are encouraged to make appointments to ensure prompt service. Questions can be e-mailed to: [askpersonnel@luke.af.mil](mailto:askpersonnel@luke.af.mil). e-mail requests will be responded to within 72 hours. For more information, call (623) 856-8970.

### CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FLIGHT

The 56th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight, located on the first floor of Building 1150, administers human resources programs including federal employment, discipline, performance management and labor relations. For general information regarding applying for federal employment, please call (623) 856-7745 for a recorded message, and (623) 856-7747 for additional information.

### MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION FLIGHT

The 56th Mission Support Squadron Manpower and Organization Flight (MOF), located on the second floor of Building 156, provides manpower management support to the 56th Fighter Wing and tenants. The staff advises on requirements determination, organization structure, the best uses of manpower resources in peacetime and wartime, administers productivity and IDEA programs and provides consultant services. The MOF serves as the Wing's OPR for Wing performance measures and as the Wing's focal point for AETC's organizational excellence initiatives. For more information, call (623) 856-3775.

### FAMILY SERVICES

Located next to the hospital in Building 1140, Family Services offers a variety of programs and services for Luke personnel and families. A well-stocked Loan Closet has kitchenware, baby furnishings, futons, and other household items, available for loan to all relocating families. New parents who are active duty E-4 and below can receive complimentary baby items through



### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

While it is best to contact the administration office of the school district in which you are interested in buying or renting, the following information is available on local schools:

Children of base housing residents who live north of Glendale Avenue attend the Dysart School District, which includes Luke Elementary School (kindergarten through sixth grade), Dysart Junior High School (seventh and eighth grades) and Dysart High School (ninth through twelfth grades). Children residing in base housing south of Glendale Avenue attend the Litchfield School District, which includes Scott L. Libby Elementary School (kindergarten through fifth grade), and Western Sky Middle School (sixth, seventh, and eighth grades). High school students attend the Agua Fria Union High School District.

If parents want their children to attend a school not in their housing attendance area, they may apply for out-of-district permission at the local campus.

Incoming families who need to enroll their children in school while staying in temporary living quarters on base need to apply to the appropriate school within the Litchfield Elementary School District if they will be living in base housing south of Glendale Avenue or the appropriate school within the Dysart School District if they will be living north of Glendale Avenue.

Children entering school must present a birth or baptismal certificate and immunization records. A school will not release most official school records until the receiving school requests them. Children who are five years of age by September 1 are eligible for kindergarten.





the Layette Program, which is funded by the Officers' Spouse's Club, and infant and toddler car seats are also available for loan. Family Services, a Combined Federal Campaign agency, is a volunteer organization open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lives up to its motto "We take care of our own." For information on their services, call (623) 856-6415.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Serving children ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age, the Child Development Center CDC provides a quality care program tailored specifically to each child's age group. Located in Building 1119 on 137th Avenue, the CDC accepts children with reservations and on a space-available, drop-in basis. A child may stay for a few hours or an entire day, on a limited basis. The center also has an active sublet program for parents seeking temporary care.

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the (CDC) has numerous activities, to both entertain and assist a child's learning in a safe, supervised environment. Children may play and learn individually or in groups supervised by caregivers.

The CDC's activity centers include reading, manipulative play, music, painting,

water play and sand tables. Weather permitting, children may play outside on playground equipment. The CDC also provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

The CDC is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is closed on holidays and weekends. For more information, call the CDC office at (623) 856-6339.

## FAMILY CHILD CARE

Family Child Care (FCC) gives children the opportunity to be in a home-like environment and receive needed developmental experiences in a nurturing and natural learning environment.

The FCC office is located at 1609 Mohave and is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Their phone number is (623) 856-7472.

If a parent needs a provider to care for children with special needs, physical impairments or chronic illness, please call the FCC office for information.

## YOUTH CENTER

The Youth Center (YC) assists active duty personnel and DoD civilians by offering a safe, educational environment for youths ages 5 to 18 years. Located in Building 1143

near Fowler Park, the Youth Center is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and 4-H.

Daily programs include homework assistance, computer resource, job referral, community service projects, youth transition programs, social programs, sports programs, instructional classes, before-and-after school programs, summer camps, holiday camps, 4-H, open recreation, Friday night programs and holiday events and festivals.

Annual programs include the Boys and Girls Fine Arts Contest, Boys and Girls Club Photography Contest, Teen Talent Show, Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Program and the Youth Holiday Fashion Show.

Youth ages 11 to 13 are welcome to join the Boys and Girls Club "Torch Club," which provides experience to develop productive citizens. Youth ages 14 to 18 will benefit from the YC's career preparation program and financial skills classes, as well as the Boys and Girls Club "Keystone Club," which promotes leadership and citizenship.

Program specific calendars are available at the Youth Center. The calendars list event, cost, date and time. For further information, visit the Youth Activities Center office, or call (623) 856-7470 or (623) 856-7471.

# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

## TRICARE

The TRICARE Service Center (TSC) offers guidance on your health care benefits. Additionally, this office will assist non active-duty beneficiaries in obtaining health care required outside of our military treatment facility. Health care for you and your family members is important. Don't wait until you are sick to find out how to obtain care. As soon as you arrive, stop by the TSC to choose the TRICARE option under which you prefer to obtain your family's health care. Active duty personnel assigned to Luke are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime and may choose their Primary Care Manager (PCM), from the list provided. All TRICARE eligible beneficiaries choosing to obtain routine healthcare at the 56th Medical Group must enroll in TRICARE Prime and choose a PCM from the list provided. The TSC is located on the second floor of the Medical Group (Building 1130). This office can provide literature and answer questions you may have regarding all your health care benefits, not just TRICARE. TriWest Regional Representatives can also be reached at (888) TRIWEST (874-9378).



This program is offered every other Thursday during the 56 Fighter Wing Orientation held at the Luke AFB Desert Star Club ballroom from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Active duty members are scheduled to attend by their Squadron's Commander Support Staff (CSS). This program is mandatory for all active duty members, dependents and retirees are welcome to attend.

## MEDICAL RIGHT START

Medical Right Start is a collaborative multi-disciplinary medical in-processing program. During in-processing newly arrived personnel are oriented to the services of the Medical Group and are educated on how and when to access care. Beneficiaries are also informed of their TRICARE options and enrollment is transferred. Medical records, Preventive Health Assessment/Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR), and immunization records are reviewed to determine health care needs.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please log on to <https://www.tricareonline.com> or call (623) 856-CARE (2273). The Central Appointment Department is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Active Duty sick call only, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for all other TRICARE Prime/Plus beneficiaries enrolled to the 56th Medical Group. Please press prompt number "1" to schedule or cancel an appointment with the appropriate clinic.

If you need to seek urgent medical attention after 4 p.m., please call (623) 856-2273. The Primary Care Manager on-call will assist you in receiving treatment. For emergencies, call 911. Emergencies are defined as situations that pose a threat to life, limb or eyesight.





# BASE SERVICES



## VETERINARY SERVICES

Services provided at the base veterinary clinic include vaccinations, parasite checks, deworming, health certificates and treatment for zoonotic disease on an appointment basis. Persons living on base must register their pets with the clinic within 10 days of moving on base. The clinic is located just north of the Lightning Gate in Building 1107. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (623) 856-6354.

## BANKING

Armed Forces Bank is located in front of the commissary. A second office is located inside the base exchange at the rear of the store. The bank offers a variety of accounts, loans and credit services, in addition to online banking, and electronic bill payment. For more information, visit [www.afbank.com](http://www.afbank.com) on the web or call (623) 535-9766 or (800) 929-2265.

## CREDIT UNION

Credit Union West, in Building 1535 just south of the base exchange on Commissary Road, offers a variety of savings and checking plans, including IRAs, money market and certificate accounts, credit cards, auto and personal loans, mortgage loans and home equity lines of credit. ATMs are located at the credit union and at the Fighter Country Inn lodging office. For more information, visit [www.creditunionwest.org](http://www.creditunionwest.org) on the web or call (602) 631-3200 or (800) 621-0287.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE

Luke AFB has limited parking spaces for recreational vehicles and RV storage spaces. Newcomers with RVs should seek storage either on base or at off-base locations immediately upon arrival. Temporary parking and storage of RVs on base is limited to 72 hours. Personnel needing on base parking may contact the lodging office at check in for parking locations.





### AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross, through its military and social services department, provides a worldwide system of emergency related services that are available to members of the military and their families. These services include: a communications network available to service members and their families during time of emergency; verification of emergency leave information for military commanders to help them make informed decisions to meet the interests of the service member and the military; access to financial assistance to members of the military and their families when an urgent family crisis arises; confidential counseling; information and referral; training in health and safety; disaster assistance; and volunteer programs.

The American Red Cross is located in Building 1150, Room 3112, and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### BASE EXCHANGE

The Luke Base Exchange complex offers the main store, a food court, and several concessions including the beauty and barber shops, optical, florist, Enterprise car rental, GNC, laundry/dry cleaning, alterations, and various specialty shops, plus a three story parking garage for the convenience of our customers. The Food Court offers Popeye's Chicken, Frank's Franks, Robin Hood Deli, Anthony's Pizza, Charley's sandwiches, and Starbucks. Other retail facilities on Luke include the Military Clothing Sales Store, the Shoppette and the Base Service Station. The base theater is across the street from the main exchange and a Subway and Pizza Hut Express are located in the Community Center on the west side of the base. For the latest in catalog shopping, information about AAFES and employment opportunities, visit the web page at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

### COMMISSARY

The commissary is available to all authorized active-duty and retired military personnel and their families. With new improvements and additions, the Luke commissary is one of the largest in the Air Force. Call (623) 935-3821 for more information.

### SNACK BARS

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has introduced new concepts in snack bar service. In addition to the food court located in the main exchange, AAFES also provides mobile meal-serving truck service

throughout the base for distant and odd-shift military personnel needs.

Crustano's Plaza Deli, run by the 56th Services Squadron, is located in the Mission Support building, Building 1150, on the third floor. Crustano's offers a variety of breakfast and lunch options at reasonable prices. For more information call (623) 856-3141.

### U.S. POST OFFICE

Located in Building 545 on Mustang Street, the U.S. Postal Service office provides stamps, money orders, special handling mail, COD packages and claims. Credit and debit cards are accepted. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., and 2:25 to 4 p.m. There is no weekend service.





# MISC. INFORMATION



## VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX

Military members may operate motor vehicles in Arizona using their home state's driver's license and license plates or may register the vehicle in Arizona. Family members must obtain an Arizona license to drive legally. Servicemembers with vehicle title solely in their name and who are non-residents of Arizona, may register their cars in this state without paying the Arizona personal property tax, but must pay a small vehicle registration fee. The tax exemption form is available at your orderly room or the legal office and must be signed by your commander or an attorney. This form, plus an emissions test certification, must be presented to the Motor Vehicle Division in order to register your vehicle in the state. A servicemember

who holds joint title to a vehicle with a spouse is entitled to the tax exemption for only half of the tax.

If you intend to purchase a new vehicle overseas, you can save thousands in sales tax if you have it delivered and registered overseas and then have it shipped back to the states. Arizona doesn't charge sales tax as long as you have a valid overseas registration with your name on it. Arizona considers such vehicles "Grey Market" vehicles. There is other paperwork that will be required like the certificate of origin and customs clearance letter (you get that from the port of entry). Laws change frequently, so contact the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) web-site at [www.azdot.gov/mvd](http://www.azdot.gov/mvd) for more information before making any financial commitment.

## TRAFFIC

The speed limit at Luke is 25 mph unless otherwise noted. Speed laws are strictly enforced by RADAR. A valid stateside issued driver's license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance are required for vehicle operation on base. To register vehicles, provide military identification, valid driver's license, current state registration, and proof of insurance. Failure to show proof of insurance may result in a one-year suspension of driving privileges on base. For people who want to register their vehicle in Arizona, additional information is available during in-processing.





## MISC. INFORMATION

The Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7418(d), requires all military personnel registering vehicles on base with out-of-state license plates to furnish proof of compliance with local emissions inspection requirements. Emissions testing must be accomplished in Maricopa County at a state operated emissions testing facility prior to registering a vehicle on base which also includes motorcycles, diesels, motor homes and recreational vehicles.

Orderly rooms and the Pass and Registration office will document vehicle owner compliance at the time the owner is issued a base decal for the vehicle. If a person plans to obtain an Arizona vehicle registration, an emissions test is still required. However, vehicle operators are not required to show emissions compliance if vehicle is registered through the state of Arizona.

When registering a motorcycle on base, the owner must complete an approved motorcycle safety course and possess a course completion card. Temporary motorcycle registrations will only be issued after the owner presents a letter from the base safety office indicating enrollment in an approved motorcycle safety course. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is mandatory for all motorcycle operators on-base. Military members are also required to wear a helmet at all times, on or off-base while operating a motorcycle.

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Arizona laws are tough on first-time offenders and even tougher on those who develop a record of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol.

In Arizona, you are considered under the influence if your blood-alcohol level measures .08 percent or higher. By driving on Arizona roads or on base, you consent to have your blood alcohol content tested.

### TIME ZONE

Arizona remains on Mountain Standard Time year-round with no changes for daylight-saving time.

### SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

For all active duty servicemembers, a basic understanding of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act is a must. The SCRA is a law passed by Congress that gives all active duty servicemembers special legal protections. Some of these protections include a 90-day extension to stay court hearings to administrative hearings, if the service member requests it. Interest rates are capped at six percent interest pre-service loans. The SCRA provides eviction protection section by precluding evictions from premises

occupied by servicemembers for which the monthly rent does not exceed \$2,400. The SCRA extends the right to terminate real property (or apartment) leases to active duty soldiers moving pursuant to permanent change of station orders or deployment orders of at least 90 days. The SCRA also has provision allowing the termination of automobile leases for use by service members and their dependents. Pre-service automobile leases may be cancelled if the servicemember receives orders to active duty for a period of 180 days or more. Automobile leases entered into while the servicemember is on active duty may be terminated if the servicemember receives PCS orders to a location outside the continental United States or deployment orders for a period of 180 days or more. These are just a few of the provisions of the SCRA that protect servicemembers. If you have a question about the SCRA, please contact the legal office.

### LEGAL RESIDENCE

Many people are confused by the terms "legal residence," "residence," and "domicile." Generally, your residence is the place where you are living.

Domicile or legal residence refers to your home state and the state of which you are a citizen. In addition to establishing your liability for state personal income taxes, your legal residence determines a number of other important matters as well. Some examples are:

- Liability for state inheritance tax
- Where your will is to be probated and who is qualified to act as your executor or guardian of your minor children
- The right to vote
- Bonuses for wartime services
- The right to homestead, veterans' claims or tax exemptions
- Whether you or your children may attend a state college without paying higher fees required of out-of-state legal residents
- Property rights of spouses and rules for divorce or marriage dissolutions

Those who decide to become legal residents of Arizona should register to vote in the state, register their vehicle in Arizona, obtain an Arizona driver's license, establish Arizona as a permanent address on official records (W-4 and personnel records) and file an Arizona income tax return.





# LUKE AIR FORCE BASE HISTORY



Another base known as Luke Field, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, released its name when the base was transferred to the Navy in June 1941 and the fledgling Arizona base was called Luke Field at the request of its first commander, Lt. Col. Ennis C. Whitehead, who went on to become a lieutenant general as commander of Air Defense Command in 1950.

The first class of 45 students, Class 41 F, arrived June 6, 1941 to begin advanced flight training in the AT-6, although only a few essential buildings had been completed.

Flying out of Sky Harbor Airport until the Luke runways were ready, pilots received 10 weeks of instruction and the first class graduated Aug. 15, 1941. Capt. Barry Goldwater served as director of ground training the following year.

During World War II, Luke was the largest fighter training base in the Army Air Force, graduating more than 17,000 fighter pilots from advanced and operational courses in the AT-6, P-40, P-51 and P-38, earning the nickname, "Home of the Fighter Pilot." By Feb. 7, 1944, pilots at Luke had achieved a million hours of flying time. By 1946, however, the number of pilots trained dropped to 299 and the base was deactivated Nov. 30 that year. Soon after combat developed in Korea, Luke field was reactivated Feb. 1, 1951 as Luke Air Force Base, part of Air Training Command under the reorganized U.S. Air Force. Students trained in the P-51 Mustang and F-84 Thunderjet. Flying training at Luke changed to the F-100 and on July 1, 1958, the base was transferred from Air Training Command to Tactical Air Command.

## LUKE AIR FORCE BASE

Luke Air Force Base is named for the first aviator to be awarded the Medal of Honor—2d Lt. Frank Luke Jr. Born in Phoenix in 1897, the "Arizona Balloon Buster" scored 18 aerial victories during World War I (14 of these German observation balloons) in the skies over France before being killed, at age 21, on Sept. 29, 1918.

In 1940, the U.S. Army sent a representative to Arizona to choose a site for an Army Air Corps training field for advanced training in conventional fighter aircraft.

The city of Phoenix bought 1,440 acres of land which they leased to the government at \$1 a year effective March 24, 1941. On March 29, 1941, the Del. E. Webb Construction Co. began excavation for the first building at what was known then as Litchfield Park Air Base.





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Luke continued its tradition of providing fighter training for allied nations when an F-104 program for German Air Force pilots and a program in the F-5 for pilots from Third World nations began in 1964.

During the 1960s, thousands of American fighter pilots left Luke to carve their niche in the annals of Air Force history in the skies over Vietnam. In July 1971, the base received the F-4C Phantom II and assumed its role as the main provider of fighter pilots for Tactical Air Command and fighter forces worldwide.

In November 1974, the Air Force's newest air superiority fighter, the F-15 Eagle, came to Luke. It was joined in December 1982 by the F-16 Fighting Falcon, which officially began training fighter pilots Feb. 2, 1983.

Luke units continued to set the pace for the Air Force. The 58th TTW had two squadrons—the 312th and 314th Tactical Fighter Training Squadrons—conducting training in the newest C and D models of the Fighting Falcon.

The 405th TTW received the first E model of the F-15 Eagle in 1988 and two of its squadrons—the 461st and 550th—began training in this dual-role fighter.

In July 1987, the Reserve function at Luke changed when the 302nd Special Operations Squadron deactivated its helicopter function and the 944th Tactical Fighter Group was activated to fly the F-16C/D.

The early 1990s brought significant changes to the base. As a result of defense realignments, the 312th, 426th and 550th TFTSs were inactivated as were the 832nd Air Division and the 405th TTW. The F-15A and B models were transferred out and the 58th TTW, being the senior wing at Luke, was re-designated the 58th Fighter Wing and once again became the host unit at Luke.

In April 1994, after 24 years at Luke, the 58th Fighter Wing was replaced by the 56th as part of the Air Force Heritage program. Air Force officials established the program to preserve Air Force legacy and history during a time of military draw down. The 56th Fighter Wing was one of the most highly decorated units in Air Force history and it was named to remain part of the active fighter force while the 58th was reassigned as a special operations wing to Kirtland AFB, N.M. Units flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon are the 308th, 309th, 310th, 425th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd and 21st Fighter Squadrons.

### FRANK LUKE JR.

For several months, the grave was marked with a wooden cross that read, "Unknown American Aviator." To the French people of Murvaux, France, who were eyewitnesses to his last flight and who buried him with what honors the Germans would permit, this unknown was the hero of the war.

These bits of evidence from various sources, when pieced together led to the identification of this aviator. The cross over his grave now bears the inscription "2nd Lieut. Frank Luke, Jr. Pilot, 27th Aero Squadron; 18 victories. Killed in action Sept. 29, 1918." The young lieutenant's record and details of his last flight disclose a story as inspiring as ever to stir people's admiration and a death in action as valiant as anyone to ever earn a country's highest award.

His story starts in Phoenix May 19, 1897. Luke grew up in the desert and was known as one of the best athletes at Phoenix High School. He was captain of the track team and a member of the basketball and football teams.

Soon after the U.S. entered World War I, the 20-year old Luke enlisted as a private in the Signal Corps. From there he entered







pilot training and entered combat in France as a new member of the 1st Pursuit Group, 27th Aero Squadron. His exploits ranged only a scant 17 days, but in this time, as records now reflect, he destroyed 14 German balloons and four aircraft, earning him the title of the "Arizona Balloon Buster."

Luke's commander, Maj. H.E. Hartney, said of him, "No one had the sheer contemptuous courage that boy possessed. He was an excellent pilot and probably the best flying marksman on the Western Front. We had any number of expert pilots and there was no shortage of good shots, but the perfect combination, like the perfect specimen of anything in the world, was scarce. Frank Luke was the perfect combination."

While balloons sound insignificant, in WWI's trench warfare environment they were critical. They served as observation posts and enabled both armies to look deep behind one another's lines.

The hydrogen-filled balloons were expensive and of great military value. Normally protected by heavy anti-aircraft gun batteries, there was usually a flight of pursuit planes stationed nearby. To attack a balloon was practically suicide.

But, for whatever reason, these were Luke's voluntary objectives. Some surmised it was because of the easy confirmation as the fireball fell from the sky with a plume of smoke. On Sept. 12, 1918, Luke shot down his first balloon. His last flight was Sept. 29, 1918. At least 13 people in the village of Murvaux, France, watched his final blaze of glory. That little group later made a sworn affidavit of his actions that day.

They said they saw an American aviator with a squadron of Germans pursuing and shooting at him. He descended suddenly and vertically toward the earth, then straightened out and flew toward Briers Farm where he found a German balloon, which he shot up and burned in spite of incessant enemy fire. He destroyed two other balloons while still flying through hostile fire both from troops on the ground and the German fighters.

He did not escape unscathed. Even though already wounded, he attacked one more observation balloon and the Frenchmen saw it burst into flames and plummet to the ground.

Luke descended to within 50 meters of the ground and opened fire on enemy troops, killing six and wounding as many more. But his time was limited. His wounds and the damage to his aircraft forced him to land. As German soldiers surrounded him on all sides, he drew his .45 caliber pistol and defended

himself until he fell, mortally wounded from a bullet in his chest.

Infuriated by the savagery of the American's final attack, the German commandant of the village refused to have straw placed in the cart that removed Luke's body. He also refused to allow some women to shroud his body with a sheet. Witnesses reported he kicked Luke's body and snapped, "Get that thing out of my way as quickly as possible." Two men, Cortlae Delbert and Voliner Nicolas, loaded the Arizona's body on a wagon and escorted him to the cemetery and buried him.

His courage in combat not only earned him his nickname, but also the Medal of Honor. His awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Italian War Cross and the Aero Club Medal for Bravery. In 1930, the American Society for the Promotion of Aviation named him the nation's greatest air hero.

Though unmarried, Luke came from a large family and many in the Valley of the Sun today carry on the Luke family name.

## 56TH FIGHTER WING

Luke's 56th Fighter Wing was first activated Jan. 15, 1941, as the 56th Pursuit Group, in Savannah, Ga. Its earlier history was marked by frequent moves, the first to North Carolina in May 1941 and then to New York in 1942. Using P-39 and P-40 aircraft, the unit flew air defense patrol until June 1942, when the group became the first to train with and fly the P-47 Thunderbolt.

The 56th left for England Jan. 6, 1943. During the following two years, pilots of the 56th destroyed more enemy planes and listed more aces than any other Army Air Force group in the 8th Air Force, including the top two aces in Europe. By the war's end, the 56th's motto—Cave Tonitrum, meaning Beware the Thunderbolt was highly respected by the allies and their enemies.

On Oct. 18, 1945, the unit was inactivated. It was reactivated May 1, 1946 at Selfridge field, Mich., as part of the Strategic Air Command's 15th Air Force. It included the 61st, 62nd and 63rd Fighter Squadrons. As part of a restructuring, the 56th Fighter Wing was activated Aug. 15, 1947 and the 56th Fighter Group was assigned to the new wing.

In July and August 1948, a major operation of the 56th involved 16 of the wing's F-80's. The flight proceeded to Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, by way of Maine, Labrador, Greenland, Iceland and Scotland. Although the operation was not connected with the Berlin Airlift, which was in progress, it did focus world attention on the

U.S. Air Force's ability to rapidly deploy jet fighters during a crisis.

The wing was transferred from Strategic Air Command to the Continental Air Command's 10th Air Force Dec. 1, 1948 and the mission of the wing's tactical units was shifted to air defense. The unit was re-designated as the 56th Fighter Interceptor Wing Jan. 20, 1950. Its 61st, 62nd and 63rd Fighter Interceptor Squadrons converted from the F-80 Shooting Star to the F-86 Sabre jet in April 1950.

The wing, with the exception of its tactical squadrons, was inactivated Feb. 6, 1952. The tactical squadrons were reassigned to new air defense wings as part of a general reorganization of the Air Defense Command.

Almost nine years later, having been re-designated the 56th Fighter Wing (Air Defense); the wing was reactivated at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., again with an air defense mission. The wing controlled a single tactical unit, the 62nd FIS, flying the F-101 Voodoo.

From Feb. 1, 1961 to Oct. 1, 1963, the 56th was part of the Sault Sainte Marie Air Defense Sector. From Oct. 1, 1963, to Jan. 1, 1964, the wing was an important part of the Duluth Air Defense Sector. Under both sectors, the 56th participated in many ADC exercises, tactical evaluations and other air defense operations. The single tactical squadron was placed directly under Duluth Air Defense Sector Dec. 16, 1963, leaving the wing without a tactical mission. On Jan. 1, 1964, the 56th was assigned to SAC and inactivated.

Slightly more than three years later, the wing was once again activated, this time at Nakon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. The unit was designated the 56th Air Commando Wing and had a complex combat mission in the war then raging in Southeast Asia. Assigned to 13th Air Force, the 56th received operational direction from 7th Air Force in Saigon. The combat and support operations of the wing in Southeast Asia were numerous and varied. Until Aug. 1, 1968, the wing operated as an air commando organization. From Aug. 1, 1968 to June 30, 1975, the 56th was designated a special operations wing.

Special missions were the rule rather than the exception during the entire period of the wing's stay in Thailand. It strongly supported the Southeast Asia conflict in a wide variety of specialized, as well as general operations, directly carrying the fight to the enemy. The wing and its units participated in every military campaign beginning with the Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II. The wing's headquarters earned unit awards with the combat "V" device and Republic of Vietnam



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Gallantry Cross with Palm. Individual units of the 56th shared in some of these awards as well as earning others on their own.

On June 30, 1975, the 56th U.S. Air Force Hospital and 56th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, two of the wing's subordinate units, were inactivated. The wing itself, together with its supply and transportation squadrons and its combat support group (the latter containing its security police and civil engineering squadrons) moved without personnel or equipment to MacDill AFB, Fla. The wing was re-designated the 56th Tactical Fighter Wing and assigned to Tactical Air Command's 9th Air Force.

The 1st TFW and several newly activated units bearing the "56th" designation replaced similar units bearing the "1st" designation. The inactive 61st and 62nd FS were re-designated as tactical fighter squadrons and the

63rd Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron was moved without personnel or equipment from Tyndall AFB, Fla., re-designated as a tactical fighter squadron and assigned to the 56th TFW. Finally, the 4501st Tactical Fighter Replacement Squadron, later re-designated the 13th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron and the U.S. Air Force Regional Hospital, MacDill, were re-designated from the 1st to the 56th TFW.

On Oct. 1, 1981, the 56th had its designation changed once again. The wing changed from a tactical fighter wing to a tactical training wing. This designation was brought about because of the conversion from the F-4D Phantom II to the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The transition process began in November 1979 and was completed in June 1982.

With the change in the wing's designation, each of its squadrons also had name

changes. The 61st, 62nd and 63rd became tactical fighter training squadrons and the 13th was inactivated July 1, 1982. The 72nd TFTS was activated on the same day and was one of the four squadrons of the 56th.

June 27, 1988, marked another transition for the 56th. The wing began its conversion from the F-16 A/B models to the updated F-16 C/Ds. That was followed by another reorganization which saw the 56th re-designated as a fighter wing Oct. 1, 1991 and its flying units once again became fighter squadrons.

With the F-16 C/Ds, the 56th remains the primary F-16 aircrew and maintenance training wing in the Air Force. The 56th was reassigned to Luke AFB April 1, 1994. Under the 56th Fighter Wing, which retains its F-16 C/D training mission, are the 308th, 309th, 310th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 21st and 425th Fighter Squadrons.





# 56TH FIGHTER WING



Support Group and 56th Medical Group, as well as being directly responsible for several functional areas.

## COMMAND AND CONTROL

The 56th Fighter Wing Command Post serves as the nerve center for all Luke AFB operations. A duty controller is available 24 hours a day at (623) 856-5600.

## COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

The command chief master sergeant is the 56th Fighter Wing commander's representative for all enlisted activities. The command chief is available in wing headquarters, Building 452 and may be reached at (623) 856-5616.

## PROTOCOL

The Protocol staff advises on proper protocol for all on-base events attended by the wing commander or vice wing commander; and works directly with a point of contact for military ceremonies. Protocol is the focal point for organizing all distinguished visits to Luke AFB including military and high-level civilians.

The office is located in wing headquarters, Building 452 and can be reached at (623) 856-5604 or 856-5605.

## 56TH FIGHTER WING

The host command at Luke AFB is the 56th Fighter Wing, under Air Education and Training Command's 19th Air Force. The Wing's mission statement is, "Train The World's Greatest F-16 Fighter Pilots and Maintainers, While Deploying Mission Ready Warfighters."

The wing, with its headquarters located in Building 452, provides command guidance and operational control of the 56th Operations Group, 56th Maintenance Group, 56th Mission





### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The focal point for providing information on Luke issues, programs and base events to Airmen, the community and members of the news media, the Public Affairs Office is located in Building 452. The staff conducts base tours, provides speakers for civic organizations in the community, publishes the weekly newspaper, *Thunderbolt*, and is the commander's liaison between the base and local community and media organizations. All media requests concerning Luke people, programs and events must be coordinated through Public Affairs. Call (623) 856-5853 for more information.

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TEAM

The Community Initiatives Team is the primary liaison between the 56th Fighter Wing commander and surrounding political subdivisions, developers and major stakeholders interested in coordinating compatible land development in areas impacted by the flying mission of Luke AFB. The CIT coordinates offices of technical expertise such as airspace and civil engineering in their interaction with the community, county and state officials. Call (623) 856-6169 for more information.

### INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Inspector General is the eyes, ears and conscience of the base. The IG is an independent agency that investigates complaints, allegations of reprisal, improper mental health referrals and fraud, waste and abuse. It conducts administrative investigations designed to ensure efficient and effective mission accomplishment. The IG provides training and education for all base personnel on IG issues and procedures, provides assistance where wrong doing is not present and referrals to appropriate agencies chartered to handle each respective situation to ensure that the integrity of the system is maintained.

The IG serves as the Wing's Congressional Liaison Officer to members of Congress for all matters pertaining to Luke Air Force Base. Finally, the IG exercises the 56th Fighter Wing and is in charge of the exercise evaluation team through the IGI office. The IG office is located on the first floor of Building 1150. Call (623) 856-8346 for more information.

### STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

The legal office, located on the second floor of Building 1150, provides confidential

advice to all servicemembers concerning personal civil matters and military affairs.

Attorneys are available to provide advice on issues of marriage, divorce, adoption, insurance, personal injury, claims, rentals and leases, indebtedness, wills and estate planning. The legal office also provides powers of attorney.

Air Force lawyers can not represent members in civilian court, in civilian business matters or fill out civilian legal paperwork. However, attorneys can offer legal advice preventing problems from escalating. Legal assistance is available several days a week during specific periods on a walk-in basis; call the legal office for current hours. Legal advice is not given on the phone. Notary service is available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call (623) 856-6901 for assistance.

### SAFETY

Located in Building 470, the safety office includes flight, ground and weapons safety staff. A mandatory local conditions class for all newly assigned Luke personnel, both military and civilian, is held during Right Start orientation. Family members are also encouraged to attend the class. Call (623) 856-6941 or (623) 856-6105 for more information.







## HISTORIAN

The historian documents activities of Luke AFB and provides historical reference services. The historian is located in Building 1150 and can be reached at (623) 856-6328.

## 56TH COMPTROLLER SQUADRON

The 56th CPTS includes financial services, financial analysis, non-appropriated fund oversight, quality assurance and a command section. The unit's overriding goals are customer service and fiscal execution. Recent changes have made it possible to improve the ability to service customers with fewer resources.

Some of these advances include the Government Travel Card program, electronic funds transfer for payments, myPay, centralized accounting and faster support for military pay processing. Financial services will probably be one of the most important stops for a newcomer. It is located in Building 1150, where customers can get military, civilian and travel pay assistance at the centralized customer service counter.

As part of the in-processing program newcomers are scheduled for a finance briefing where they are assisted in completing their travel voucher and any pay questions are answered. Upon arrival, newcomers will have their master military pay account updated to reflect their proper entitlements at Luke. Direct deposit is required for all military personnel, so, to aid in a smoother in-processing, newcomers are encouraged to maintain their direct deposit account during PCS. For more information, call (623) 856-7028.

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office serves as the wing commander's advisor on discrimination complaints. This office processes EEO complaints of civilian employees and/or applicants for employment at Luke AFB. This office conducts and monitors all Mediation Sessions of workplace disputes for Luke AFB. The EEO office is located in Building 1150, Suite 2112 and can be reached at (623) 856-7113.

## MILITARY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Military Equal Opportunity staff is qualified to assist Luke people with specialized problems in the areas of equal opportunity and treatment, human relations and other problems. The MEO office is located in Building 1150, Suite 2112 and can be reached at (623) 856-7711.



## CHAPEL

The Luke Chapel Team is committed to ensuring spiritual care for all. Four chaplains and five support personnel are assigned to administer an extensive religious program in two chapels. Our mission is to facilitate a proactive spiritual-needs-based ministry, positively impacting the 56th Fighter Wing and AEF missions anytime, anyplace. Chaplain offices and administrative offices are located in the Luke Community Chapel (referred to as LCC) located between the Thunderbolt Club and the Fitness Center. The Chapel on the Mall (referred to as COM), located near the base airpark, is a historic Luke structure dating back to 1941.

If you are planning a wedding in one of our two chapels, we encourage you to contact us once you set a date because wedding times must be scheduled several months in advance. Call (623) 856-6211 to reserve one of the chapels.

Counseling appointments may be scheduled through the chapel secretary, (623) 856-6211 or with your squadron chaplain directly. An on-call chaplain may be reached after duty hours by calling the Command Post at (623) 856-5800.

## THE CHAPEL PROGRAM

The chapel program is designed to meet as many spiritual needs as possible. The worship schedule is listed below:

### PROTESTANT

8:30 a.m. ....Gospel Service ....COM

11 a.m. ....Praise Service ....LCC

### CATHOLIC

9:15 a.m. ....Sunday Mass ....LCC

5 p.m. ....Sunday Mass ....LCC

12 p.m. ....Daily Mass ....LCC

(Monday through Friday,  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

### JEWISH

Jewish personnel are welcome to attend local synagogues. Phone numbers may be obtained from the local directory or by calling the chapel.

### ISLAMIC

Islamic personnel are welcome to attend local Mosques. Phone numbers may be obtained from the local directory or by calling the chapel.

### OTHER FAITH GROUPS

Phone numbers may be obtained from the local directory or by calling the chapel.

# 56TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

## 56TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

The 56th Mission Support Group's mission is to sustain the F-16 Fighting Falcon, provide for the community and deliver responsive combat support anytime, anywhere. The seven squadrons of the group, 1,965 members strong, perform the critical installation management that helps keep the wing flying. These men and women are sortie generators. They serve more than 94,000 people including active duty, reserve, civilians, students, family and retirees.

The base has approximately \$396 million in land, building and real property including 4,200 acres at Luke AFB and 1.7 million acres at the Barry M. Goldwater range complex.

The 56th Mission Support Group headquarters is located in the Support Center, Building 1150, on the east side of Litchfield Road.

## 56th Security Forces Squadron

The 56th Security Forces Squadron provides force protection and police services in Building 179, located immediately north of the AAFES Service Station on the West side of the base. This facility houses the command section, armory, information and personnel security, resource protection, reports and analysis, confinement, investigations, the wing anti-terrorism program, law enforcement and security operations. Base entry lists are coordinated through the police services branch located in Building 179.



For assistance with routine matters call the law enforcement desk at (623) 856-5970 or 856-5971. To report a crime, suspicious activity or other emergency, call 911 from an on-base phone. If using a cell phone, you must tell them you need the Luke AFB 911 dispatcher.

Restricted area badges and long/short term passes are available at the South Gate Visitor Reception Center. Contractor badges (short and long term) to include sub-contractors will be issued a CAC at the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service in Building 1150 on the second floor. Duty weapons training is conducted by the Combat Arms section, located in Building 909 and all Security Forces Training, READY training and Security Forces mobility functions are located at the El Mirage facility at the intersection of El Mirage and Glendale Avenue, two miles east of the base.







### 56th Civil Engineer Squadron

The diverse mission of the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron includes fire protection, explosive ordnance disposal (EOD), readiness, design and construction, environmental management, family housing, resource management and operations and maintenance of Luke and the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range.

The fire and emergency services flight ensures both our aircraft and facilities remain fire-safe. The readiness and emergency management flight ensures both squadron and wing personnel are always ready to deploy and respond to any threat. The EOD flight directly supports the Luke flying mission through weapons safing and range clearance operations. The Asset Management flight continues to lead the way with new and diverse environmental and energy management programs that will enhance not only Luke, but also the community that surrounds it. The housing section assists all personnel with their on and off base housing needs.

Other areas in the squadron include the Programs Flight which works strategic planning issues for the future development of the base and oversees the design and construction of base assets accomplished by contract and the operations flight. Operations is often thought of as the heartbeat of the organization. From maintaining various utility systems to grounds maintenance and paving roads, the operations flight does it all with pride.

The CE squadron headquarters is located on the north end of the base, just inside the north gate.

### 56th Communications Squadron

The 56th Communications Squadron provides communications and information capabilities supporting Luke AFB and outlying locations. Keeping an eye on transforming the Air Force mission to better, faster and less expensive methods of operation, the 56th Communications Squadron continuously plans and programs for the acquisition and installation of the latest available technologies enhancing Luke's primary mission of training fighter pilots and combat ready crew chiefs. They manage and oversee compliance with Air Force standards for all Luke AFB information technologies including small computers, the base area network and base telecommunications switches. Acting as the eyes and ears for the fighter wing commander on all communications and information matters, the 56th Communications Squadron leverages information technologies for more effective





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fighter operations, maintenance, support and medical operations. Squadron personnel maintain and operate a myriad of complex systems necessary to execute the Air Force's largest fighter training mission. The Operations Flight maintains navigational aids, air-to-ground radio and air traffic control and landing systems. In addition, the flight manages network operations providing core network and data services for the entire base populace and five geographical separated units. Moreover, the flight is responsible for the Base Information Transfer Center, coordination of all local publications and instructions, records management and the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act programs. The Plans and Resources Flight is responsible for the program management of all command, control, communications and computer and information systems. Additionally, the flight manages telephone operations, unit training and oversees

Information Assurance operations ensuring the security and protection of Luke's information domain. Operating with personnel in seven separate facilities, squadron personnel fuse as one in their dedication to excellence. The squadron motto is "Loquimini Tonitrum," which translates to "Speak the Thunder." The Comm Bats of the 56th Communications Squadron operate wherever, whenever and with whatever it takes to support all Luke missions and be the preeminent providers of communications and information capabilities.

### 56th Contracting Squadron

Located in Building 26, the 56th Contracting Squadron, the Dealing Eagles, awards more than \$55 million annually in appropriated and non-appropriated funded contracts and manages more than \$200 million in contracts supporting the 56th Fighter Wing, the 944th Fighter Wing, Fort Tuthill Air Force

Recreational Area, Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field, the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range and other key tenant units.

The 56th Contracting Squadron consists of three separate and distinct operational flights. The first flight, 56th Contracting Squadron Acquisitions Flight A, otherwise known as 56th Fighter Wing Acquisition Flight, provides full and complete acquisition support to all 56th and 944th Fighter Wings and tenant unit customers. Acquisitions Flight A is responsible for satisfying customers' mission requirements through the award and administration of a broad range of contract actions for commodities, services and limited construction. Major services such as the Food/Mess Attendant, Base Linen and Base Packing and Crating contracts fall under the purview of Acquisition Flight A and are valued at over \$6 million. This flight is also responsible for acquisition support to the 56th Range Management Office, executing all Operations and







Maintenance requirements for Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and the Barry M. Goldwater Range. In addition to the range O&M requirements, they are also responsible for the \$14 million Range Residue Removal effort. 56th Contracting Squadron Acquisition Flight B, also known as the Civil Engineering or Construction Flight, provides acquisition support for all base infrastructure requirements and Base Civil Engineer managed services. These requirements and services are identified and developed by the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron and include alterations, repairs, renovations and construction of real property such as the multi-million dollar U.S.M.C bed-down project. Service contracts such as grounds maintenance valued at \$1.2 million and base custodial services at \$1.6 million and various high interest environmental and archeological projects are also administered by the Construction Flight. Acquisition Flight B is responsible for the contract award and administration of Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineering Requirements and various Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity construction contracts such as airfield and base paving, base electrical requirements and interior and exterior facility upgrades, which in total exceed \$65 million.

The third flight, 56th Contracting Squadron Plans and Programs Flight, is the data processing and management hub of the unit. Without the Plans and Programs Flight our streamlined electronic procurement system would come to a stand still and virtually bring to a halt the speed in which we award contracts to support the Air Force's largest fighter wing. The Management Analysis Team contained within this flight is responsible for performing trend analysis, computer, networking and help-desk type support and providing automated/non-automated interface for internal and external organizations. In addition, this flight also serves as the installation program management office for the 56th Fighter Wing Government Purchase Card Program.

The Government Purchase Card Program Office manages 292 cardholders, 105 billing officials and more than 34,000 transactions with expenditures averaging over \$14 million annually. Finally and equally important in our role of mission support, the 56th Contracting Squadron is in the business of training, equipping and deploying Contingency Contracting Officers worldwide for the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Forces. Whether it's supporting the customer at Luke Air Force Base or the war fighter at a deployed location, The

Dealing Eagles of the 56th Contracting Squadron will live true to their motto: "We Make It Happen." For further information regarding the 56th Contracting Squadron call (623) 856-7162 or DSN 896-7162.

### **56th Services Squadron**

The 56th Services Squadron is responsible for enhancing quality of life for the world's largest fighter wing by providing mission-supporting recreational, educational and life sustaining activities. The programs the 56th SVS manages include collocated clubs, dining facilities, fitness and bowling centers, library, community and outdoor recreation, youth and child development centers, lodging, mortuary affairs, honor guard, employment, veterinary services, leisure ticket travel center, recreation equipment rental outlet and other quality of life programs in support of 93,000 military, civilian, retired and family members.

The 56th Services Squadron oversight includes exchange and commissary liaison as well as the Fort Tuthill recreation area in Flagstaff, Ariz. The unit has a web-site with in-depth descriptions of their offerings at <http://www.lukeservices.com>.

### **Bowling Center**

The Thunderbolt Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling, a pro-shop and food at reasonable prices. Located in Building 1525 across from the base exchange shopping area, Thunderbolt Lanes is a great place for youths, teens and adults. There are leagues for men, women, adult mixed doubles, youth and intramurals.

For a nightclub experience, Thunderbolt Lanes offers Xtreme Bowling. The 24 glow-in-the-dark synthetic lanes, balls, pins, gutter-proof bumpers, sound and laser-light systems, fog machine and black lights will dazzle and entertain you.

Thunderbolt Lanes also has a pro shop with a complete line of bowling supplies: balls, bags, shoes, grips; expert ball measuring; drilling; and plugging and re-drilling by bowling center professionals. The Lanes' Orville and Wilber Snack Bar offers breakfast and lunch entrees. Members of the Luke clubs receive a variety of discounts at Thunderbolt Lanes.

The Center can handle singles, families, birthdays, squadron parties and other special events. For more information and hours of operation, call (623) 856-6529.

### **Arts and Crafts Center**

The Arts and Crafts Center offer services for custom-made plaques, trophies and

awards for quarterly and annual presentations, sporting events, retirements, achievements, gifts and more. Special orders may be arranged, or patrons may choose from a selection of wood, laminate and marbled plaques. Customers may choose from in-stock designs and, if you can't find the plaques you want, we can special order them or our Wood Hobby Shop can custom make them.

With laser engravers and rotary engraver, the staff can engrave everything from small brass plates to large multi-plate plaques. Gift and recognition items include trophies, plaques, awards, eagles, steins and pen sets. Special orders are also available.

At the Arts and Crafts Frame Shop, guests can choose the perfect frame for a treasured print or painting. The experienced staff assists in every aspect of the project to ensure the project turns. For more information call (623) 856-6502.

### **Auto Skills Center**

The Auto Skills Center staff is on-hand to assist do-it-yourself customers perform auto repairs and maintenance. If customers choose to do their own repairs and maintenance, the facility stalls are available for hourly rent.

Tools are also available for sign out for customers to use on the premises. Available services range from electronic engine diagnostics, wheel alignments, brake rotor refinishing, valve grinding and tire balancing. Instructional classes include oil changing, tire rotation, tune-ups and minor maintenance and repair. The center offers 14 automotive bays and two prep rooms with tools and professional guidance. Stalls are available for \$3 an hour flat rate, or \$5 per hour for a hydraulic lift stall. Daily stall rates are \$40 for a lift and \$24 for a flat stall. Overnight storage in the stall is \$3.

A car wash, located behind the Auto Hobby Shop, is also available. The car wash includes four wash stalls, four vacuum cleaners, cleaning product vending machines and a coin changer.

Customers can also let the full-service automotive repair (Auto Doctor) and body shop (Moonlight Auto Body) concessions perform all their automotive repairs and maintenance. For more information call (623) 856-6107.

### **Food Services**

Airmen living in the base dormitories are authorized to dine in the Ray V. Hensman dining facility at Building 545. Proper identification is required to ensure authorization. Personnel in per diem status will be required to pay the appropriate surcharge. All menu items are sold on an a-la-carte basis.



The Falcon Inn, located at Building 954, is a carryout facility located near the flight line. Menu includes short-order a-la-carte items. For additional information, call the food service staff office at (623) 856-6396.

### **Desert Star Club**

The Desert Star Club offers a wide variety of options to meet the Luke Communities needs. The Club, located in Building 161 on West Eagle Street, serves all enlisted grades and civilians through the grade of GS-6, their equivalents and enlisted retirees. The club hosts official functions, such as ALS graduations and promotion/retirement ceremonies, as well as leisure time activities such as theme parties, satellite-broadcast sporting events, live bands, DJs, comedy nights and more.

The Desert Star Club is available for special event planning. Rooms available at the

club include the main lounge, Barcelona room, large ballroom (with a 400 person capacity) and outdoor patio spaces. Consider the club for any catering needs with choices of menus that range from finger foods to seven course meals. The club's experienced staff can accommodate small parties and large banquets.

Designated evenings, the club offers complimentary hors d'oeuvres in the casual bar or main lounge and an evening bar menu is in place for your selection. Member and non-member pricing is in place at all sale points.

Check out the special incentives at the Desert Star Club. There is a bonus for transferring club membership from a member's former duty station's club to the Desert Star, a club coin discount and membership discounts at other Services facilities, just to name a few. This club was selected three years in a row as

the best in the AETC and recently received an outstanding rating in an ORI inspection.

The club is available for base personnel's entertainment, special events and catering needs all this and more are available at the Desert Star Club! For more information call the lounge at (623) 856-7137 or for Administrative Services, (623) 856-6446.

### **Club Thunderbolt**

The collocated club—Club Thunderbolt—provides an unforgettable dining and entertainment experience at an affordable price. Located in Building 750 on Phantom Street, the Club offers lunches, brunches and dinners—all in a friendly, luxurious atmosphere.

Enjoy a variety of entertainment, complemented by drinks in the lounge. There are numerous social hours and discounted dinners,







including men's night, ladies' night and two-for-one steak night. The club also has a barbershop in its facility. Club members may sponsor events for local business and community organizations.

Club Thunderbolt's staff can accommodate wedding receptions, birthday parties, promotion parties, anniversaries, dinner parties with friends and specially catered functions. Club Thunderbolt welcomes all active duty and retired officers, DoD employees in the grades of GS-7 and above, Nonappropriated Fund employees in the grades of NF-III and above as well as surviving spouses of military members, certain federal employees and contractors that work for the U.S. Air Force. For details on membership eligibility, call the club at (623) 856-6446.

### **Thrift Shop**

The place to shop for bargains is in Building 152. Sponsored by the Officers' Spouse's Club, the facility is open Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is closed during July and August. For information and consignments, call (623) 935-5782.

### **Library**

Luke Library offers resources for people of all ages. Located in Building 219 on Homer Drive, Luke Library is continually upgrading its varied resources.

The Luke Library has more than 40,000 books, numerous magazines and newspapers, DVDs, videotapes, CDs and tapes for life-long learning and causal reading. Almost 5,000 books are available on tape or CD.

For research, the library features many online reference databases, allowing easy access to thousands of periodicals, newspapers, abstracts and encyclopedias. Online databases include Petersons for college and vocational information; Infotrac for a variety of student databases; Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) for abstracts of defense related reports and books; PROQUEST for access to thousands of periodical abstracts and hundreds of business newspapers; NEWS-BANK for hundreds of newspapers, including the Arizona Republic; SIRS Researcher for thousands of articles on current social issues; and SIRS Government

Researcher for a wide range of government information and documents.

Other online Services also include Internet, Ebsco, SIRS Renaissance, FIRST SEARCH and OCLC for interlibrary loan. (The Base Library can borrow from over 40,000 libraries nation wide). There is also an extensive collection of CLEP and Dantes books, tapes and CD-ROMs, as well as an excellent transition assistance area.

From Story-time and Baby-time to Class Tours and our Adult Reading Group there's a program to support all members of Team Luke. For more information call (623) 856-7191.

### **Fort Tuthill**

#### **Information, Tickets and Travel**

Need tickets for amusement parks, Cruise's or Airline travels? Luke's Information, Tickets and Travel Office has discount tickets for virtually every event in Arizona, California and Florida.

Located inside the Community Center in Building 700, the ITT office offers reasonably priced tickets to numerous theaters, amusement parks and hotels. Discount





admission tickets are available for Disneyland, Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World in Florida.

ITT also has information on resort vacations sponsored by the Armed Forces Vacation Club. This club offers discounts for getaways at Lake Tahoe, Myrtle Beach, Reno, Virginia Beach, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and many other resort locations world wide. For more information on a resort getaway, see ITT or visit the AFVC web-site: [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com).

For tickets, hours of operation and information, look for the monthly ITT Information Express brochure, or contact the office at (623) 856-6000.

### **Fitness Center**

Located in Building 820 on Shooting Star Street, the Fitness Center features everything you'll need for an outstanding training experience.

Its well-designed facilities, cutting-edge equipment and superb staff can help people reach their training goals. For resistance training, the Fitness Center offers free weights, Universal machines and Nautilus equipment.

For a cardio-burn, try basketball, racquetball or volleyball. The center has treadmills, cross trainers, stair-steppers and recumbent bikes, which allow you to watch television or listen to the radio while you exercise.

People can maximize a training workout with the Fitness Center's new, 10-station Universal circuit and six-station Nautilus circuit equipment.

Cardio Theater System: As you exercise your way to fitness, enjoy the seven TVs and four radio stations or listen to your favorite CD.

Also available are tennis and badminton courts, lighted fields for soccer, football and softball, plus a batting cage to improve your skills. Locker rooms, saunas and showers are on the site as well. The Fitness Center is open seven days a week, including holidays and goal days. For information, call (623) 856-6241.

A new and convenient workout option for people who work or live on the east side of Luke is the new east side fitness center. Located in Building 1137, the east side gym features many of the amenities as the main fitness center, such as free weights, weight machines, cardio equipment and locker rooms. The staff at the east side fitness center can be reached at (623) 856-8299.

The aerobic center is located in the Community Center, Building 700 and is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Certified instructors offer a variety of aerobic classes including beginning, intermediate and advanced step; beginning or seniors cardio and Stretch; total body conditioning; yoga; and group cycling classes. All aerobic classes are offered at no cost. For more information, call (623) 856-8468.

### **Outdoor Recreation**

Outdoor Recreation is located in Building 247 on 140th Drive and features a variety of equipment, aquatic programs and outdoor adventure vacations at affordable prices. Outdoor Recreation's rental section provides rental equipment for virtually any occasion.

They feature an assortment of camping equipment, including campers, stoves, ice







chests, sleeping bags and generators. They also have water equipment including canoes, pontoon boats and fishing boats. The recreation rental section also has a large selection of lawn and garden equipment and miscellaneous equipment like mountain bikes, folding chairs and tables and engine replacement stands. Go to [Lukerecreation.com](http://Lukerecreation.com) for items available and price lists.

Outdoor Recreation provides great aquatic programs for the entire Luke community. These programs include a full range of aquatic activities in pools on base and in the Litchfield Park Recreation Facility. The aquatic program features Red Cross Health and Safety Services classes, scuba diving and kayaking instructional classes. Twenty five certified staff members and two 25 meter pools are available from dawn to dusk.

Outdoor Recreation sponsors numerous adventure getaways to sites in Arizona like Sedona, Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon and Fort Huachuca. The staff also plans several out-of-state excursions annually. These range from golfing in San Diego, scuba diving and hiking in Hawaii, to skiing in Colorado. Outdoor Recreation is open Monday through Friday. For more information, visit Building 247 or call (623) 856-6267.

### **Community Center**

The Community Center, located in Building 700 at 14037 Phantom St., houses several activities in one location. The center staff manages many festivals throughout the year, including the Holiday Magic, Spring Fest and 4th of July, to name a few. The Center is also home to McViper's Irish Pub. The pub features internet café, pool tables, darts and shuffleboard, as well as food and beverages. Community Center hours are Monday, noon to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday noon to 11 p.m.; Saturday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, closed. For more information, call the community center staff at (623) 856-7152.

### **Aquatics**

The 56th Services Squadron has recently made improvements in the aquatics facilities. The highlight was the installation of the large waterslide at the Silver Wings pool.

Adult and youth swim instruction is by far the most popular program offered. Learning the basics is the primary goal, with emphasis on honing skills and improving self-confidence. We train our own instructors, so consistency of instruction is maintained. Recreational activities include open swim, lap swim, get fit/stay fit, unit

fitness programs and water aerobics. For more information on the Aquatics programs call (623) 856-6267 or (623) 680-9334.

### **Falcon Dunes Golf Course**

Whether you're a serious golfer you'll enjoy Luke's gorgeous Falcon Dunes Golf Course. Located just north of Luke Air Force Base, Falcon Dunes is truly one of the top military golf courses in the world. Situated at the corner of Northern Avenue and Reems Road, this 18 hole, par 7-championship layout features mounded contours that frame rolling fairways and undulated greens.

Besides the breathtaking views of the majestic White Tank Mountains, the course is also well known for the unique, native desert landscaping that outlines the course.

This Gary Panks design is available for use by all military and government employees, both active and retired. Already considered the flagship of the military golf courses, Falcon Dunes has been awarded the best golf course in its major command in four of its first five years in operation. Take advantage of the state-of-the-art, 8,250 square foot club house which houses the Falcon Dunes Restaurant.

The pro shop provides everything golfers need to prepare for a one-of-a-kind golf experience. The roomy practice facility contains putting and chipping greens, as well as a lengthy, turf-grass practice range. The P.G.A. staff can also meet your game development needs by providing professional instruction to both adults and juniors. For more information, including booking of special events, call (623) 535-8355.

## **56TH MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON**

The 56th Mission Support Squadron (MSS) operates in various locations throughout the base with the command section located on the second floor of Building 1150. Airman and Family Readiness Flight (A&FRC) offer assistance to single Airmen as well as Airmen with a family. The programs vary from relocations from other locations to transitioning to the civilian workforce. The Education Services Flight (DPE) provides a variety of educational services to active duty Airmen as some programs are even available to family members and DoD civilians. The John J. Rhodes Airman Leadership School (ALS) provides a robust curriculum to prepare Senior Airmen for supervisory positions. The First Term Airman Center (FTAC) provides education to newly assigned Airmen to aid them in

transitioning from a training environment to a mission ready state. The Career Assistance Advisor (CAA) advises leadership on retention issues. The Military Personnel (MPF) and Civilian Personnel Flights (DPC) provide required human resource services. The Manpower and Organization Flight (MOF) advises leadership on resource management and provides guidance on managing wing assets. Additional information on these agencies is located under Airman and Family Assistance.

### **JOHN J. RHODES AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (ALS)**

The Professional Military Education Flight, located in Building 156, conducts the Airman Leadership School. This comprehensive 192-hour course prepares selected senior Airmen for supervisory positions and fosters a commitment to the Profession of Arms.

The curriculum includes comprehensive hours of study in Leadership, Communicative Skills and the Profession of Arms. The Airman Leadership School Flight Chief is available at 856-7737.

### **FIRST TERM AIRMAN CENTER**

Located in Building 1146, the First Term Airmen Center transitions first duty station Airmen from training to a mission-oriented environment. This is accomplished through a standardized curriculum of 10 academic duty days with 57 different briefings covering mandatory in-processing topics as well as optional base and community information and some ancillary training. FTAC prepares new Airmen to become mission ready in minimum time while providing the Airmen with a solid foundation to make sound decisions.

### **MANPOWER AND ORGANIZATION OFFICE**

The MO office provides manpower management support to the 56th FW and tenants. It also advises on requirements determination, organization structure and on the best uses of manpower resources in peacetime and wartime. This office also administers productivity and IDEA programs and provides consultant services. The MO office serves as the wing's OPR for PERSLOAD and wing performance measures.

MO also serves as the wing's focal point for AETC's organizational excellence initiatives. The Manpower and Organization office is located in Building 156 and can be reached at 856-3211 or 856-3211.

# 56TH MEDICAL GROUP

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The Luke AFB Clinic is an outpatient medical facility staffed to support and provide a range of medical services to include primary and specialty care. Primary care services consist of Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine and Flight Medicine. Specialty care services consist of Allergy/Immunizations, Optometry, Mental Health, Orthopedics, Physical Therapy, General Surgery and Women's Health. For more information on our clinics, please log on to [www.luke.af.mil/56mdg](http://www.luke.af.mil/56mdg), or call (623) 856-CARE (2273).

### **The 56th Medical Group consists of four squadrons:**

**The 56th Medical Operations Squadron** provides outpatient/ambulatory clinical services to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries through its primary and specialty care clinics with referral and/or admission to civilian providers and facilities as needed. The Women's Health Clinic is limited to nurse practitioner services only and is located on the third floor of the 56th Medical Group's main building, Building 1130. The Allergy/Immunizations Clinic is located in Building 1130, directly northeast of the main clinic as are Family Advocacy services in Building 1142. Mental Health Services are located in Building 317 on the west side of base.

**The 56th Dental Squadron** provides active-duty members comprehensive dental care while supporting the readiness of the 56th Fighter Wing to respond to worldwide contingencies.



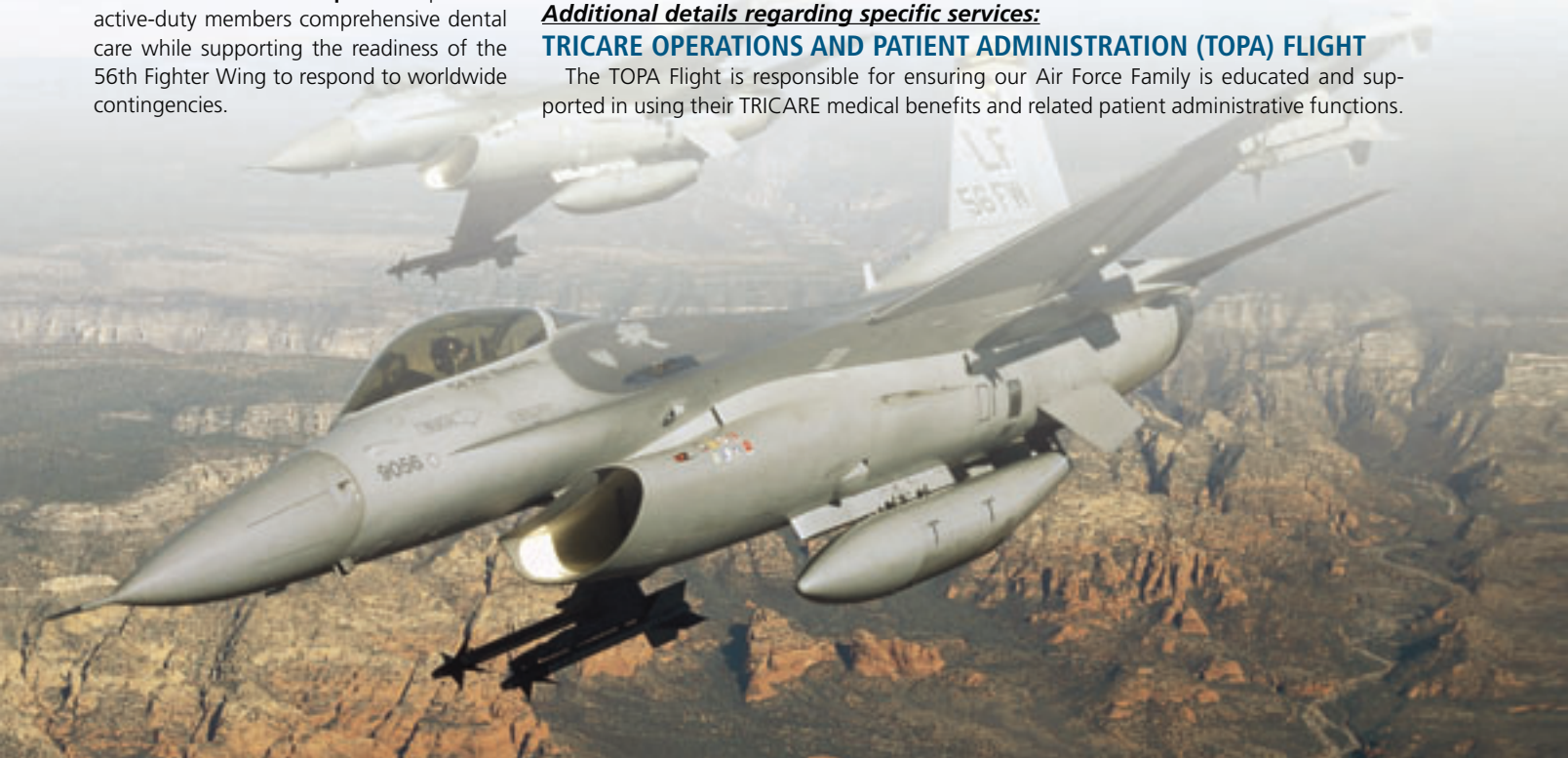
**The 56th Medical Support Squadron** provides support services such as pharmacy, laboratory, managed health care, resource management and the TRICARE flight.

**The 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron** (Building 810) provides care for flying personnel and their families and is home to the Military Public Health, Bioenvironmental Engineering and Wellness programs.

### **Additional details regarding specific services:**

#### **TRICARE OPERATIONS AND PATIENT ADMINISTRATION (TOPA) FLIGHT**

The TOPA Flight is responsible for ensuring our Air Force Family is educated and supported in using their TRICARE medical benefits and related patient administrative functions.







Flight services include the enrollment process, beneficiary counseling, resolving medical billing issues (related to the referral and authorization processes) and marketing. If medical care is needed outside the Medical Group the flight helps coordinate medical patient travel. When appropriate, TOPA may initiate the medical referral and afterwards, may follow the patient via its case and/or utilization management functions.

TOPA is supported by the TRICARE Service Center (TSC), ran by the Western Region's Managed Care Support Contractor, TriWest. The TSC is located on the second floor of the Medical Group and offers guidance on your healthcare benefits, supports local marketing efforts, develops the local healthcare network (for services not offered in the Medical Group) and works with the TOPA Flight to create a seamless care delivery system.

As soon as you arrive on station, stop by the TSC to enroll in TRICARE. This is very important and helps ensure access to Medical Group and network services. Active-duty personnel assigned to Luke are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime and may choose their Primary Care Manager (PCM) from the list provided. All TRICARE eligible Air Force Family members (to include retirees less than 65 years old and their dependents) living within a 30-minute drive from the Medical Group are enrolled to a Primary Care Manager as well.

Administratively, TOPA is responsible for booking Medical Group appointments, to include supporting TRICARE online; Quarters and Line of Duty determination programs, tracking active duty military seen and/or admitted in civilian hospitals, Medical Evaluation Board process, Medical Records and Release of Information functions and supporting and monitoring of the Medical Group's Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Officer's responsibilities.

The Flight's special programs include the Special Needs Identification and Assignment Coordination (SNIAC) Program (formerly known as the Exceptional Family Member Program) and the Dependent Overseas Clearance process. The SNIAC Program provides assistance and guidance to military families who have adults and/or children with special medical, educational or emotional needs. The Dependent Overseas Clearance process helps ensure dependents with special medical needs or considerations that will be accompanying you overseas receive appropriate medical care.

The TRICARE Flight is responsible for ensuring our beneficiaries are educated regarding their TRICARE medical benefits. This includes beneficiary counseling, debt collection issues, patient travel, referral management and medical records. Patients requiring further information or assistance may contact the Customer Service Center Representative at (623) 856-7586 or (623) 856-3079.

## FLIGHT MEDICINE

Flight Medicine supports the flight line with in-flight and ground emergency response during flying operations. They also provide primary care for aircrews and controllers and their families. Flight Medicine is responsible for flying and non-flying exams, all occupational health exams and Preventive Health Assessments for those personnel assigned to their team. Force Health Management, the Preventive Health Assessment Clinic and the Family Medicine Clinic manage all other physical exams.

The Flight Medicine Clinic is located in Building 810, between the base gymnasium and the flight line. Call (623) 856-CARE (2273) for more information.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

The Health and Wellness Center is dedicated to prevention and health enhancement. The HAWC provides a number of prevention programs to active duty, dependents, retirees, civilian and contract workers. Classes include weight management, cholesterol, diabetes, stress management and commissary tours. A tobacco cessation program is offered by contacting the HAWC to set up an individual appointment. Smoking cessation products are available to TRICARE beneficiaries from the Luke pharmacy. Appointments for tobacco cessation can be made by calling (623) 856-3870 or the main HAWC line. Individual nutrition and fitness counseling are available by a diet technician or an exercise physiologist. We have a variety of health and nutrition information literature available free of charge. Interested individuals should call the HAWC at (623) 856-3830 for more information or to make an appointment for classes.

## DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Clinic is located on the first floor of the main hospital directly across from the pharmacy waiting area. Routine dental care is limited to active-duty personnel. The specialties offered to active-duty personnel within the facility are comprehensive

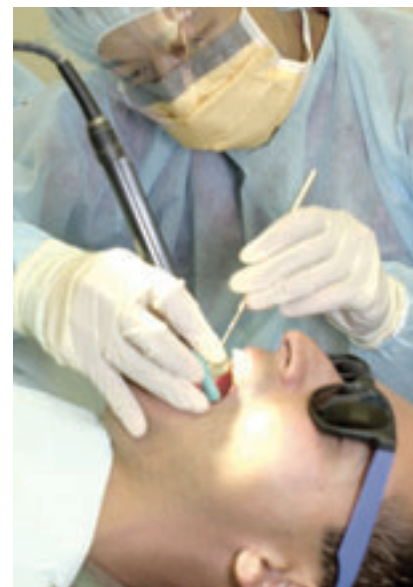
## IMPORTANT MEDICAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

(623) 856-xxxx

Appointment Line .....2273 (CARE)  
 Flight Commander .....9379  
 Flight Superintendent .....9376  
 Director, Referral Management ....9377  
 Director, Patient Administration ....9707  
 SNIAC and Overseas Clearance ....9706  
 Beneficiary Counselors ....3079 or 7586  
 TRIWEST .....(888) TRIWEST  
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general dentistry, periodontics and periodontics. Dental staff members may refer patients requiring complex specialty care to local civilian dental specialists. Routine dental care such as examinations, fillings, cleanings and sick call for active duty are provided by appointment only.

Routine active-duty sick call patients are seen by appointment Monday through Friday. Call (623) 856-CARE (2273) and press number 4 to schedule all appointments. Patients experiencing severe pain, swelling, infection or oral trauma (ex. split lip or tooth/teeth knocked loose) during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., should call (623) 856-2273 and press the number 4 to let





us know you are enroute. We will take care of you ASAP. If you suffer these symptoms after duty hours, please call the after-hours answering service at (623) 856-CARE (2273). The after-hours answering service will contact our on-call dentist to evaluate/treat your complaint promptly. Dental care for family members and retirees is on an emergency basis only. Active-duty family members are encouraged to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program at [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com). Retirees may enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org).



### PHARMACY OPERATIONS

**Clinic Pharmacy:** Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The pharmacy is closed Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and commander-directed down days.

**Satellite Pharmacy:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The satellite pharmacy is closed Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and commander-directed "down" days.

**Commissary Apothecary:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The commissary apothecary is closed Saturday, Sunday, federal holidays and commander-directed down days.

The Clinic Pharmacy provides new prescription service via the CHCS computer system for all enrolled TRICARE Prime patients. Basically, if an MTF provider at Luke sees you, we fill the prescriptions at the Clinic Pharmacy. The Clinic pharmacy uses the Q-matic number system. Once your number is called, go to the appropriate window and your prescription(s) will be processed and filled. If you decide to come back to pick up your filled prescriptions, go directly to the pick-up window. Remember, we only keep filled prescriptions for 14 calendar days, then they will be returned to stock.

The Satellite Pharmacy fills all prescriptions written by civilian providers for all categories of patients, provided that the patient's



military ID shows medical eligibility and the medication is on Luke's formulary. Luke has a mandatory call in refill policy. If the refill is called in by 7 a.m., it will be ready for pick up the following duty day. If it is called in after 7 a.m., it will not be ready for two duty days.

Patient confidentiality and privacy are protected by federal law and are over-riding concerns when medications are picked up by anyone other than the patient for whom the medication is intended. The Air Force Policy on releasing prescriptions to patient representatives is very specific. Medical treatment facilities may release medications to individuals representing the patient in accordance with the following definitions:

### PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE

This includes spouses, parents, legal guardians and others. MTFs may release prescription medications to designated patient representatives providing all the following requirements are met:

- a. The patient representative must possess a valid government issued photo ID card.
- b. Patient's military identification card (or copy of the front and back)
- c. Signed permission slip designating the agent
- d. Current DD 2569 on file (designated by a blue card)

### DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Verification of the patient representative's relationship to the dependent child may be accomplished through the DEERS system. If an individual other than the parent or legal guardian of the dependent child is designated to act as the patient's representative, this individual must comply with the patient representative requirements stated above.





# 56TH OPERATIONS GROUP



weather forecasting and warning services, weapons and tactics expertise, aircrew training management, aircrew life support training, intelligence support, operations scheduling and flight records management for a 10-squadron fighter operations group. Additionally, the OSS operates an intelligence formal training unit for the entire F-16 intelligence community and manages an annual flying hour program of over 47,000 hours and 35,000 sorties.

## 56th Training Squadron

The mission of the 56th TRS is to provide academic- and ground-based instruction to support training the world's finest F-16 pilots and weapons directors. The 56th TRS trains almost one-half of all the Air Force's new fighter pilots each year. It conducts F-16 academic and device training in accordance with major command formal syllabi including initial instruction, transition courses, senior officer courses, Thunderbird and aggressor pilot instruction, forward air control, night systems and Block 50 specialized conversion courses. The 56th TRS also provides academic, simulator and live mission training for more than 75 upgrading weapons directors annually. All 56th TRS training is conducted across six facilities on Luke and the Papago Park military reservation in central Phoenix. This squadron provides Air Force acceptance and quality control of courseware and manages all aircrew training devices for the 56th Fighter Wing.

## 56TH OPERATIONS GROUP

The 56th Operations Group, headquartered in Building 997, has operational control and responsibility for the entire fighter training mission at Luke. The group is composed of an operations support squadron, a training squadron, eight fighter squadrons of F-16 Fighting Falcons and two detachments.

## 56th Operations Support Squadron

The 56th OSS is responsible for providing a world class training environment for the 56th Fighter Wing. The 56th OSS provides airfield management services, air traffic control,





### 21st Fighter Squadron

In 1992, Congress approved the PEACE FENGHUANG Program under the signature of former President George Bush. PEACE FENGHUANG is Chinese for Phoenix, the mystical Egyptian bird that arose from ashes and is based on the fact that a similar program had been proposed but subsequently cancelled by President Jimmy Carter. The current program is in excess of \$5.9 billion and is the second largest foreign military sales program in the history of the U.S. Air Force.

Training foreign pilots is not new to Luke Air Force Base. The first foreign students to train in the Valley of the Sun were Chinese pilots during World War II. In February 1942, the first Chinese pilots were trained in the P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt and eventually the P-51 Mustang. These pilots had a major impact in the defense of China. Many of these pilots became members of a Taiwan squadron designated 21st Fighter Squadron Blackjacks. The Blackjacks were one of the most successful squadrons during the war and were unmatched in their aerial victories against Japanese forces. Concurrently, the U.S. 21st Fighter Squadron was in the China theater attacking Japanese forces with the

P-40 Warhawk and P-51 Mustang. It is in recognition of the exploits of both of these squadrons that the 21st Fighter Squadron Gamblers was activated at Luke.

The 21st Fighter Squadron began training Taiwan pilots in February 1997, 55 years to the month that the first Chinese pilots began training here at Luke.

In the spirit of the legendary Phoenix, the squadron rose from the dust at Luke to win the illustrious Frank Luke Jr. Award, recognizing the best squadron in the world's largest fighter wing, in its first year of existence. That stellar feat was followed up by a repeat performance in 1998, the first time in 60 years that a squadron has won the award two consecutive years.



### 61st Fighter Squadron Top Dogs

The 61st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) was constituted Nov. 20, 1940. It was activated Jan. 15, 1941, in Savannah, Ga., training in P-39 Aircobra and P-40 Warhawks. The 61st later moved to Charlotte, N.C., in May 1941 and again to Charleston, S.C., in December 1941 to help defend the East Coast.

The 61st Fighter Squadron deployed to the European Theater of Operations (ETO) in the summer of 1942. In 1944, it was recognized

as the first fighter squadron in the ETO to score over 100 victories. From 1943 to 1945 the 61st produced 19 Aces, the highest of any squadron in Europe, destroying 248 aircraft in the air and 67.5 aircraft on the ground. Lt. Col. Gabby Gabreski, former 61st commander had the highest number of kills in the ETO and is the all-time 61 FS and 56 Fighter Wing ace with 34.5 WWII and Korean kills.

The 61st was deactivated October 1945 at Camp Kilmer, N.J. and reactivated at Selfridge Field, Mich. training in P-47's while transitioning to P-51 Mustangs. In April 1950, the 61st transitioned to the F-80 Shooting Star and later was the first squadron to fly the F-86A Sabre. The 61st was deactivated July 25, 1960, at Truax Field, Wisc. flying the F-102 Delta Dagger.

In June 1975, the 61st was reactivated at MacDill AFB, Fla., flying the F-4 Phantom (later the F-4D). In April 1980, the flying mission changed to the F-16 A/B Fighting Falcon. The 61st transitioned in June 1988 to flying the F-16 C/D. The squadron was reactivated on April 1, 1994 at Luke AFB, Ariz., replacing the former 314th Fighter Squadron flying the F-16 C/D Fighting Falcon. The squadron's current mission is to "develop the world's best combat capable wingmen and leaders for the future."



### 62nd Fighter Squadron

With American involvement in World War II looming on the horizon, the 62nd Fighter Squadron was constituted as the 62nd Pursuit Squadron as part of the 56th Pursuit Group at Savannah Air Base, Ga., on Jan. 15, 1941. The squadron immediately began training for its wartime missions, rapidly transitioning through the P-35, P-36, P-39 and P-40 aircraft. On Dec. 7, 1941, the 62nd stepped up to defend the Northeastern United States from anticipated enemy air attack while it converted to the P-47 aircraft and prepared to deploy overseas.

The squadron arrived in England Jan. 9, 1943 and was declared operationally ready two months later and flew its first combat missions April 13. Two years later, the 62nd had emerged as one of the premier fighter squadrons in Europe.

Among its accomplishments were the first P-47 ground attack mission, the first operational use of rockets by a fighter and







the destruction of 357 enemy aircraft. The squadron participated in the Big Week which secured allied air superiority, escorted the first daylight bombing mission over Berlin, conducted interdiction missions during the Normandy invasion and provided air support during the Battle of the Bulge. On Oct. 11, 1945, the 62nd Fighter Squadron departed England and returned to the United States aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

As the newly organized United States Air Force developed a new mission, so did the 62nd. Flying the P-51 and P-80, the squadron performed escort duty for the Strategic Air Command bombers, deploying to Alaska and Europe in this role.

In 1948, Spike converted to the interceptor role, a mission the squadron would maintain until 1971. Stationed in the northern tier of the United States, the 62nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron flew the P-80, F-86 and F-101 on patrol against the ever-present Soviet bomber threat. A highlight from this era was the squadron capturing top F-101 squadron honors at the William Tell 1965 USAF Worldwide Weapons Meet.

On Sept. 1, 1974, the squadron began its long history as a fighter training unit. Activating at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., the 62nd assumed the mission of training F-4 and F-106 weapons instructors at the United

States Air Force Interceptor Weapons School. The following October, the flag moved again; this time to rejoin the 56th Tactical Fighter Wing at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. and began training F-4 crews for tactical units around the world.

On Jan. 1, 1981, the squadron transitioned to the F-16 Fighting Falcon and continued to

train fighter pilots until the squadron's inactivation May 12, 1993. The 62nd Fighter Squadron was reactivated March 18, 1994, at Luke Air Force Base, where it currently flies the F-16 Block 25 aircraft. Honors earned by the 62nd included two Distinguished Unit Citations, six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and seven campaign ribbons.





### 63rd Fighter Squadron

The 63rd was activated Jan. 15, 1941, at Savannah Air Base, Ga., as the 63rd Pursuit Squadron. It was originally assigned to the 56th Pursuit Group, which, like many pursuit squadrons organized in the early 1940s, initially flew Curtis P-35 and P-36 Hawks.

A year later the 63rd came under control of the 1st Interceptor Command and switched to the Curtiss P-40 Warhawks. A few months later it was re-designated a fighter unit and began flying the new Republic P-47 Thunderbolt.

In 1943, the 63rd moved to Camp Kilmer, N.J., then to England where it became one of the most successful squadrons in the USAAF during WWII. Flying escort for fighter sweeps ahead of U.S. bomber fleets, the pilots destroyed 167.5 enemy aircraft in the air and 110 on the ground. After Germany's surrender, the 63rd returned to Camp Kilmer until inactivation on Oct. 18, 1945.

A year later, it reopened with the 56th FG at Selfridge Field, Mich. and briefly transitioned to the North American P-51 Mustang. In 1947, the 63rd became one of the first fighter squadrons equipped with the new Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star. Three years later, North American F-86A Sabres arrived and in 1954, Northrop F-89 Scorpions became the 63rd's newest fighters.

The squadron was again inactivated on Nov. 1, 1957 and reactivated June 30, 1975, as the 63rd Tactical Fighter Squadron at MacDill AFB, Fla. Its mission was to train pilots and weapons systems officers for the F-4D Phantom II. The name changed slightly, but the mission stayed the same when the F-16A Fighting Falcon arrived and the 63rd became a tactical fighter training squadron in 1981.

On March 12, 1993, the 63rd Fighter Squadron transferred to Luke AFB, where it now flies the Block 42, F-16CG. Campaigns the "Panthers" have supported include the Normandy invasion, Battle of the Bulge, Remagen Bridgehead and invasion of Holland. Honors earned by the 63rd include two Distinguished Unit Citations, seven campaign streamers and the American Theater Service streamer.



### 308th Fighter Squadron

The 308th was constituted Jan. 30, 1942, as the 308th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) and was activated at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Ind. The 308th is ranked as the tenth most highly decorated unit in Air Force history among the 152 fighter squadrons that were ever active.

After five months of training in the P-39 Bell Aircobra, the unit joined the war in Europe when it was assigned to a base in England in June 1942. The squadron's aircraft did not accompany the unit to England and 308th pilots and technicians spent a very short two months of intensive training in flying and fighting in the British Spitfire. The squadron became operational and flew its first combat mission on Aug. 18, 1942, when it attacked enemy positions in occupied France.

In November 1942, the unit moved to Gibraltar and supported the allied invasion of North Africa. In February 1943, the Spitfires of the 308th supported allied efforts which halted General Rommel's advance on allied positions.

In July 1943, Spitfires from the 308th provided support for Allied Forces as the Invasion of Italy began with the capture of Sicily. As Allied bomber forces operating from Italian soil began the strategic bombing of Axis petroleum and communications facilities in central Europe and the Balkans, the 308th was re-equipped with the North American P-51 Mustang to replace the shorter-ranged Spitfire.

In August 1944, the P-51s were involved in the invasion of Southern France. In December 1944, the first destruction of a German jet fighter by a 308th P-51 occurred. By war's end, the 308th had earned two distinguished unit citations and was involved in eight campaigns.

The squadron again pitted its aircraft against an enemy when it was assigned to Ben-Wah Air Base in Republic of Vietnam. For its efforts in Southeast Asia during the period Dec. 16, 1966 to Oct. 15, 1970, the 308th was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. The 308th Fighter Squadron also won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with combat "V" device.

On Oct. 1, 1986, the squadron was re-designated a fighter squadron and re-equipped with the F-16A and F-16B







with the 31st Tactical Fighter Training Wing—the last active duty unit to fly F-16 A/Bs. The 308th was the first in the wing to transition to the Block 25 version of the F-16 C/D and subsequently to the Block 42 F-16 C/Ds.

The 308th was first assigned to Homestead AFB, Fla. and then to Moody AFB, Ga.; and on April 1, 1994, Luke AFB became the home of the 308th Fighter Squadron.



### 309th Fighter Squadron

The 309th was constituted Jan. 30, 1942, as the 309th Pursuit Squadron. Arriving in England in May 1942, it was designated as the 309th Fighter Squadron and began combat operations after trading its P-39 Aircobras for the British Spitfire.

From August 1942 to July 1943, the Wild Ducks spearheaded air offenses over North Africa and later participated in the invasion of Sicily while flying the P-51 Mustang. After the conquest of Sicily, the 309th began patrolling the sky over Italy and conducting bomber escort and ground attack missions during the two-year Italian campaign.

Following World War II, the 309th converted to the F-84 while at Langley Field, Va. and in 1948, completed the first jet fighter transpacific deployment. In 1957, the squadron transitioned to the F-100 Super Sabre and was re-designated as the 309th Tactical Fighter Squadron. The Wild Ducks flew combat operations in Southeast Asia from 1966 to 1970. While stationed at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam, the 309th proved their capabilities during all three Vietnam Air Offensives, including Operation Rolling Thunder.

Returning to Homestead AFB, Fla., the 309th traded the F-100 for the F-4 and flew the Phantom II from 1970 to 1986. In 1986, the squadron converted to the F-1, which it still flies today. The squadron arrived at Shaw AFB, S.C., in August 1992, narrowly escaping the devastation of Hurricane Andrew and was later deactivated in January 1994. After its arrival at Luke, the 309th was reactivated April 8, 1994.

The Wild Ducks produced 14 aces over the years totaling 161 kills between them. The 309th also received numerous awards, including two Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, two Distinguished Unit Citations, one Presidential Unit Citation and one Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with

Palm. In addition, the Wild Ducks participated in 18 campaigns from World War II to Southeast Asia.

The squadron emblem is a 1944 Walt Disney production copyrighted design. It symbolizes the fighter mission and celestial navigation pioneered by this squadron, its around-the-clock mission readiness and its striking power.



### 310th Fighter Squadron

The Tophats of the 310th Fighter Squadron trace their roots to January 1942, when the unit began as the 310th Pursuit Squadron. It was formally activated on Feb. 9, 1942 and was attached to the 58th Pursuit Group at Harding Field, La., where its pilots trained replacements to fly the Bell P-39 Aircobra aircraft.

Named a fighter squadron on May 15, 1942 at Dale Mabry Field, Fla., the 310th continued training pilots for P-39 Air Cobra, Curtiss P-40 Warhawk and Republic P-47 Thunderbolt aircraft. During World War II, the 310th saw combat in the Southwestern Pacific Theater and earned several awards including the Distinguished Unit Citation for action in the Philippine Islands on Dec. 26, 1944 and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

After World War II, the 310th deactivated until 1952, when it was redesignated the

310th Fighter-Bomber Squadron in the 58th Fighter-Bomber Group on July 10, 1952 at Taegu Air Base, Republic of Korea. First equipped with the Republic F-84G Thunderjet from 1952, the squadron adopted the North American F-86 Sabrejet in 1954 and kept it through 1958. During the Korean Conflict, the squadron flew primarily air-to-ground missions supporting ground operations.

Participating in the Korea Summer-Fall 1952, Third Korean Winter and Korean Summer-Fall 1953 campaigns, the squadron again distinguished itself, earning the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Osan AB, Korea, became the home of the 310th on March 19, 1955 and it stayed there until its inactivation in 1962.

In 1958, the 310th gave up its F-86s when it became the 310th Missile Squadron on June 15, 1958, assigned to the 58th Tactical Missile Group. It remained the home of the surface-to-surface Matador missile until 1962, when the missile left service and inactivated on March 25, 1962.

On Dec. 1, 1969, the squadron resurfaced as the 310th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron; two weeks later, on Dec. 15, 1969, it formally joined other units at Luke. It has been here since, training pilots or weapons systems officers, first for the LTV A-7D Corsair II, then the McDonnell-Douglas F-4C Phantom II. In 1989, the first Block 42 F-16C/D in the Air Force inventory was delivered to the 58th Tactical Training Wing at Luke.





## 56TH OPERATIONS GROUP

On Dec. 26, 1989, the Tophats were the first unit to deliver live ordnance on an uncontrolled range at night using the Low-Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night, or LANTIRN, navigation pod. Additionally, they became the Air Force's first and only F-16 LANTIRN training squadron.

On October 1 and Nov. 19, 1997, the 310th FS significantly expanded its mission to include Forward Air Controller-Airborne and Night Vision Goggles training.

Additionally, the 310th FS developed and implemented the first Mobile Training Team concept of training for AETC. With this concept, AETC is able to train additional students off-station at no loss in training at Luke AFB.



### 425th Fighter Squadron

Constituted as the 425th Night Fighter Squadron Nov. 23, 1943 and activated Dec. 1, 1943, the 425th was originally assigned to Orlando Air Base, Fla.

On Jan. 30, 1944, the 425th was reassigned to bases in California before arriving at its first European station at Chormy Down, England, May 26, 1944. The 425th flew to its first home base on the European Continent, Vanes, France, Aug. 18, 1944. Aircraft, men and equipment of the 425th moved north along with the Allied advance against Axis, Germany, May 2, 1945, just six days before VE day May 8, 1945. During the air war in Europe, the 425th flew the YP-61, A-20, P-61 and P-70 aircraft. The unit flew and fought in support of the Allied war effort in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alaska and Central Europe.

Between Sept. 9, 1945 and Sept. 1, 1946, the 425th was reassigned to various bases in California before being move to McChord Field in Washington. On Aug. 25, 1947, the 425th was inactivated.

On Oct. 15, 1969, the 425th was reactivated at Williams AFB, Ariz., as the 425th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron and assigned to the 58th Tactical Fighter Training Wing at Luke AFB, Ariz. The squadron's new mission with the 58th TFTW was to train aircrews from allied nations to fly and

fight in the F-5. This training was accomplished at Williams AFB and also at bases in those nations. On April 6, 1973, the First F-5E Tiger II was delivered to the 425th and gave the air forces of friendly nations a capability similar to that enjoyed by Soviet client nations whose forces were equipped with the MIG-21.

On June 21, 1989, the squadron's F-5 training program terminated after having produced 1,499 graduates. The 425th was inactivated on Sept. 1, 1989. On Dec. 30, 1992, the 425th was reactivated at Luke AFB under the designation 425th Fighter Squadron. The squadron re-established its foreign military training mission by providing advanced weapons and tactics continuation for Republic of Singapore Air Forces F-16 pilots and maintenance personnel. RSAF pilots and maintenance personnel are assigned to the 425th FS for two years.

During their tour of duty they receive advanced tactics training, participate in Red Flag, shoot live missiles at Combat Archer and deploy to locations throughout the U.S. to participate in composite operations and dissimilar air combat exercises.





# 56TH MATERIEL GROUP



## 56TH MATERIEL GROUP

The 56th Maintenance Group provides aircraft maintenance on more than 180 F-16s for the Air Force's only active duty F-16 training wing. The 56th Maintenance Group generates more than 35,000 sorties compiling over 47,000 flight hours per year, playing a pivotal role in conducting safe and efficient training for 400 pilots every year. As the largest maintenance group in the Air Force, the 56th Maintenance Group consists of over 3,000 members operating on an annual budget of \$161 million to maintain all assigned F-16s and engine assets, valued at more than \$6.5 billion. The 56th Maintenance Group also directly contributes to Luke's second mission: training the world's greatest F-16 crew chiefs.

### Global Wing Structure Program

On May 12, 2008, the Global Wing Structure Program Action Directive 08-01 was signed. This document formally initiated a maintenance/operations realignment which impacts the 56th Fighter Wing. Major changes include the following:

- Redesignation of the 56th Maintenance Group to the 56th Materiel Group
- Realignment of aircraft maintenance units into the wing's fighter squadrons
- Realignment of the 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron under the 56th Materiel Group
- Deactivation of the 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Due to this, some phone numbers and missions may change as the 56th Fighter Wing continues to restructure its maintenance and operations functions.

### 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron is the largest squadron on Luke Air Force Base and in Air Education and Training Command. The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron provides an essential combination of both "on" and "off" equipment aircraft maintenance capability. The squadron supplies intermediate and flight line maintenance, phase inspections and delivery of aerospace ground equipment to support nine F-16 fighter squadrons.

The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron also provides complete corrosion control and aesthetic care of aircraft, flight line and ground equipment, as well as structural stress assessments and fabrication of numerous aircraft parts. Additionally, the squadron is responsible for the maintenance of armament systems and munitions support to all organizations within the 56th Fighter Wing.

### 56th Component Maintenance Squadron

The 56th Component Maintenance Squadron's primary mission is to accomplish specialized maintenance of F-16 components, systems and support equipment. This includes inspection, repair and scheduled maintenance of aircraft propulsion, avionics, LANTIRN pods, pneumatics, electro-environmental, egress and fuel systems for the Air Force's largest fighter wing. Additionally, the 56th Component Maintenance Squadron repairs and calibrates test, measurement and diagnostic equipment used by over 190 organizations on Luke Air Force Base and throughout the southwestern United States.





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The squadron also maintains engine trailers and maintenance stands necessary to accomplish its mission. The 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, with a workforce of almost 500, is organized into five flights: Propulsion; Accessories; Avionics; Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment; and Programs.

### 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron core (56 LRS) responsibilities reflect the traditional logistics disciplines of supply, transportation and logistics plans. The 56 LRS is responsible for equipment management, storage and mobility bags, as well as Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants (POL). We also provide vehicle operations, management and maintenance capability, along with transportation management (cargo and personal property) and air transportation functions. The wing deployments, logistics plans and support agreements mission reside within the 56 LRS. While the squadron operates in various locations throughout the base, the command section and main warehouse are located in Building 945. The 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander can be reached at 856-6401.

The Operations Compliance (OC) Element is aligned under and responsible to the Logistics Manager. The OC is the commander's single point of contact for health of the squadron issues. The OC provides oversight of squadron compliance, training, resources, accountability and analysis. The OC contains the following processes: Compliance and Analysis, Squadron Training, Resource Management and Systems Management. The POC for OC matters is Compliance and Analysis and they can be reached at (623) 856-6044. The Fuels Management Flight is responsible for storing and issuing over 42 million gallons of aviation fuel annually to the Air Force's largest Fighter Wing. The Resource Control Center, a 24-hour operation, maintains command and control of all fuels assets and can be reached directly at (623) 856-7391. Questions concerning requests for unleaded and bio-diesel fuel can be directed to the Resource Control Center.

The Supply Chain Management Flight is responsible for receipt, storage, issue and shipment of cargo, passenger movement, personal property, dispatch operations and decentralized inventory management of DoD supplies and equipment. The flight is the single base authority for planning, managing and executing shipment and receipt of DoD cargo. The flight is also responsible for

day-to-day distribution functions and materiel and cargo in support of home-station, contingency and combat service support operations. The Flight provides 24-hour, 7-days-a-week customer service to the 56 FW and 944 FW. Responsible for logistical functions of the largest fighter wing supply account in the USAF with 31,000 line items located in seven warehouses. Maintains 56 FW and 944 FW F-16 mobility readiness spares packages and supports dissimilar aircraft training kit deployments for the 56 FW. Exercises management control over the turn-in, redistribution and disposition of all excess AF property turned in by the 56 FW. After-hours support can be reached directly by contacting the Command Post at (623) 856-5600. The Readiness Flight is responsible for ensuring the 56 FW is equipped and ready to deploy at anytime; responsible for one of AETC's largest deployment commitments. They track and report all deployment requirements and status to the MAJCOM to ensure Luke maintains its war fighting capability. They also participate in all real world and base level exercises, train all Unit Deployment Managers on how to deploy personnel and are responsible for all War Reserve Materiel, Operational Support Plans and Support Agreements on Luke AFB. Individual Protective Equipment (IPE) is responsible for over 1.4K mobility bags and 1.3K weapons to include ensuring all deploying members have the proper gear and serviceable weapons when they deploy in support of an

exercise or contingency operation. The IPE section not only supports the 56 FW but also the 944 FW in the same capacity. Air Terminal Operations is responsible for developing and conducting airlift deployment training, obtaining Dual Role airlift for Dissimilar Aircraft Combat Training deployments and ensuring deploying cargo is air transportable. The Installation Deployment Officer can be reached 24 hours a day at (623) 695-6662. The Vehicle and Equipment Management Flight is the single authority and source for maintenance and management of the 56 FW's 564 motor vehicle fleet and oversees a 300+ Low Speed Vehicle Management Program. They assign, account for and maintain vehicle assets so they are safe, efficient and environmentally sound. The flight also provides equipment accountability support and manages the wing Property Book. The Equipment and Accountability Office oversees 228 accounts. They provide materiel management support to accountable officers, responsible officers and responsible persons, in the control and accountability of Class VII and Class IX (within AFEMS, ILS-S and ECSS) equipment assets within the 56 FW. Advise approving and/or appointing authorities on property book policy (CA/CRLs) procedures affecting lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed government property. Additionally, they coordinate and direct deployment/redeployment of Class VII assets between accountable officers, responsible officers and responsible persons.





# TENANT UNITS



## 944TH FIGHTER WING

The 944th Fighter Wing is one of more than 50 flying units in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. It reports to Headquarters 10th Air Force, NAS Ft. Worth Joint Reserve Bureau, Texas.

The mission of the 944th is to train F-16 pilots and all assigned reservists to provide combat-ready warriors in support of any Department of Defense mission requirement.

This training is accomplished by conducting one drill weekend per month and each reservist also performs a minimum of 15 days of duty once a year. The 944th Fighter Wing is made up of approximately 850 reservists. The majority of these reservists reside fun time in the greater Phoenix area.

The unit stands ready for rapid mobilization and has shown their flying skills as the first reserve fighter unit to fly operational missions with the coalition task force over Northern Iraq in support of Provide Comfort II shortly after Desert Storm and more recently Operations Northern and Southern Watch in Southwest Asia. The unit deployed more than 400 personnel and six F-16C aircraft to Aviano Air Base, Italy in support of Operations Deny Flight and subsequently Decisive Edge flying over Bosnia/Herzegovina enforcing UN Resolution 816.

The unit has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award five times since its activation in 1987. It was also awarded the Best Reserve Flying Unit Award by the Air Force Association in 1993 and 2002 and has won numerous awards and trophies for its participation in Gunsmoke, the Air Force's worldwide gunnery meet held bi-annually at Nellis AFB, Nev. and William Tell Air-to-Air meet at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

The 944th includes two groups, seven squadrons and four flights. These include the 944th Operations Group and 944th Mission Support Group. The squadrons and flights include: the 301st Fighter Squadron (associate unit), the 944th Mission Support Squadron, the 944th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 944th Security Forces Squadron, the 944th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the 944th Medical Squadron, the 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, the 944th Operations Support Flight, the 944th Military Personnel Flight, the 944th Services Flight and the 944th Communications Flight.





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Additionally, the 944th Fighter Wing had approximately 100 reservists mobilized on active-duty for two years in support of both Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. On June 7, 2002, the 944th Fighter Wing graduated its first student pilot class of six new F-16 active-duty pilots. Since 9/11 hundreds of 944th Fighter Wing reservists have volunteered to support the global war on terrorism in many deployed overseas locations.

### DET. 1, ACC TRAINING SUPPORT SQUADRON

Det. 1 systematically analyzes, develops and evaluates training for Air Combat Command's major weapons systems. They are the command's acknowledged expert in the development of training devices and computer-based training to support operational flight training. Det. 1 designs, fabricates and maintains aircrew training products to meet unit-training requirements. Training devices are custom designed according to user inputs and built here. They vary in complexity from visual aids to complex computer driven trainers supporting our most advanced weapons systems. Det 1 also provides Instructional Systems Design (ISD) support to the command and develops interactive courseware for combat air forces worldwide. Active-duty, Guard, Reserve and oversea commands rely on Det. 1 for quality aircrew training support.

### 607TH AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

The 607th Air Control Squadron conducts formal initial qualification training for Air Control Squadron operations crew personnel in C2 tactics, techniques and procedures. The provide understanding of theater level execution and increased mission effectiveness through mission crew and aircrew interface. The 607th provides highly qualified surveillance technicians, weapons directors and air battle managers for joint forces and theater commanders with a worldwide mobile command and control capability for the conduct of offensive and defensive missions. Graduates are capable of deploying anywhere in the world on short notice.

The 607th is an Air Combat Command unit under the operational control of the 355th Operations Group, 355th Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The 607th is the principal ground control radar support unit for the 56th and 944th Fighter Wings here, the 355th Wing and 162nd Fighter Wing from Tucson and other aircraft operating in local airspace.

This 130-person unit maintains radar, communications and computer equipment worth more than \$85 million.

### TRAINING DET. 12

Activated in 1962, Detachment 12 is the largest training detachment in the U.S. Air Force. With instructional hours totaling more than 61,000 a year, the 65 members of

the unit offer 34 courses of instruction designed to educate, motivate and inspire nearly 2,200 students annually.

Shoulder-to-shoulder, the unit provides F-16 aircraft maintenance training to hundreds of maintainers from the 56th Fighter Wing and those stopping through for training en route to locations worldwide. In addition to training the active-duty Air Force, they also provide training to numerous international students as well as to Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. They also deploy to help these units with their training needs and conversions to the finest state-of-the-art weapons system.

One of the courses the unit provide for the technicians at Luke AFB include the Mission Ready Airman AFSC, or Air Force Specialty Code, awarding course. This course trains pipeline students from technical school on how to become a F-16 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist. The other courses offered vary from training Aerospace Ground Equipment technicians to training every other technician that maintains the F-16.

The unit maintains 21 aircraft maintenance trainers and first-class training facilities totaling 64,000 square feet, all valued at \$24.6 million. The staff uses state-of-the-art computer technology to enhance course presentations and support digitized technical orders. The unit's commitment is to be on the leading edge of technology to offer the very best education to those attending their facilities or courses.

Home to the only F-16 Aircraft Maintenance Trainer Development Team, the unit blends today's and tomorrow's technologies with quality instructional techniques to steer Air Education and Training Command, Aeronautical Systems Center and Department of Defense contractors to develop trainers flexible enough to support training commitments as the weapon system evolves.

### AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

The Area Defense Counsel office is a tenant unit attached to the Air Force Legal Services Agency and operating independently of the 56th Fighter Wing and the base legal office. The ADC provides legal representation to active-duty members facing adverse actions such as courts martial, Article 15 proceedings, administrative discharges, LORs, referral EPRs and Reports of Survey.

The ADC is not in any way associated with the base legal office or the command structure of the 56th Fighter Wing to ensure zealous client representation and no conflict





of interest problems. The ADC office offers complete confidentiality to its clients. Its mission is to promote justice through fair representation of its clients.

The ADC office is staffed by one attorney and one paralegal. The ADC is an Air Force attorney who is selected to fill this unique role based on litigation experience, aptitude and military justice experience. The defense paralegal is usually a 5- or 7-skill level Air Force paralegal that also has extensive military justice training and office management experience.

The ADC office is part of the USAF Judiciary Western Circuit, currently based at Travis AFB, Calif. The Chief Circuit Defense Counsel for all the Western Judiciary is the direct reporting official for all ADCs in the western United States. The ADC's representation and advice is limited solely to military adverse actions against active-duty members.

The ADC is not available to answer questions concerning civil law matters or claims issues. The office is located in Building 1150, Room 3015. Consultations are by appointment only. For emergency consultation during off-duty hours, contact the 56th Fighter Wing Command Post at 856-5600.

## AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The primary responsibility of AFOSI is to provide major Air Force investigative services to Air Force commanders. AFOSI efficiently conducts thorough and professional investigations, which enables commanders to take appropriate judicial or administrative action based on the facts in cases of criminal or fraudulent activity. AFOSI also conducts counterintelligence, anti-terrorism and personal protective service operations.

Because of today's peacekeeping role, the USAF is a primary target of hostile intelligence. As a combat support organization, AFOSI is the Air Force's primary arm to counter this threat.

All special agents assigned work independently of base authorities, although not without coordination with the appropriate commander.

At times, investigative allegations can go and have gone beyond a particular AF facility. In these cases, AFOSI serves as the primary point of contact between the AF and other international, federal, state and local authorities, which might have an interest in or can lend support to a particular investigation.

This investigative liaison ensures complete and comprehensive investigative results for AF commanders. Assigned special agents

are comprised of active-duty AF and civilian members who report directly to the Detachment 421 Commander.

## AIR FORCE AUDIT AGENCY

The Air Force Audit Agency provides all levels of Air Force management with independent, objective and quality audit services that include:

- Reviewing and promoting economic, effective and efficient operations.
- Evaluating programs and activities and assisting management in achieving intended results.
- Assessing and improving Air Force fiduciary stewardship and the accuracy of financial reporting.

## GILA BEND AIR FORCE AUXILIARY FIELD AND THE BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE

The eastern portion of the Barry M. Goldwater Range is managed by the 56th Fighter Wing Range Management Office. The 1.7 million acres of the range are located in southwest Arizona. The 700,000 acres that make up the western portion is managed by Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.

The range serves the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps as a training area for aerial gunnery, rocketry, electronic warfare and tactical maneuvering and air support;

and a place to develop equipment and tactics. The key value of the Goldwater Range is that it is authorized for live-fire training, which is essential to the abilities of aircrew to survive and win in combat. The Goldwater Range has generally served these and similar purposes since 1941, when it was established to train U.S. Army Air Corps pilots for World War II. Changing capabilities have been significant: military aircraft in World War II could shoot down enemy aircraft from a distance of about 600 feet, while today's aircraft can engage and shoot down an enemy from as far as 25 miles. The Goldwater Range has sufficient air and land space to meet evolving tactical aviation training requirements.

The range is the center point of a semicircular array of military air bases, airspace and ranges that form a highly flexible training complex. It lies within the flight radius of 12 Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Army, Air National Guard and Army National Guard air bases in Arizona and southern California, as well as Navy aircraft carriers in the Pacific Ocean. This joint relationship delineates the increasingly unique significance of the BMGR as a national training asset.

The Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field serves as the hub for operations and maintenance on the Barry M. Goldwater Range. Gila Bend AFAF is also used as a primary divert airfield for aircraft that develop emergencies





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while flying on the range or during runway closures at Luke AFB due to weather or suspended runway operations.

Additionally, the auxiliary field serves as the training area where aircraft practice flying emergency patterns, as well as the location where the USAF Academy parachute team accomplishes approximately 6,000 jumps every year and it is used to qualify aircrew with night vision goggles and lights-out landings.

The Barry M. Goldwater Range has played an integral role in the flying mission at Luke since both the base and the range were constructed in 1941. In the early years, it provided training for aircraft from both Luke and Williams fields. During World War II,

the range complex consisted of a ground gunnery layout of five aerial ranges, measuring about five miles by 35 miles. Jurisdiction over the military detachment at Gila Bend fluctuated between Luke and Williams and when Luke was deactivated in 1946, the military site at Gila Bend also was closed.

After advanced fighter training resumed at Luke in the early 1950s, the range facilities were modernized to provide technical advances in tactics, target facilities and aircraft. In 1952, the federal government took possession of a large tract of public-domain land for the purpose of extending the range. During the 1950s and 1960s, the facilities were expanded and modernized. In the spring of 1963, the name was changed from

William's Bombing and Gunnery Range to the Luke Air Force Range. In 1987, the range was renamed in honor of Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

The Military Land Withdrawal Act of 1999 transferred land management authority for the Barry M. Goldwater Range from the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management to the Department of Defense, effective Nov. 6, 2001. This authority was subsequently delegated to Luke AFB and the 56th Range Management Office. Accordingly, the 56th RMO is not only responsible for Gila Bend AFAF and operations on the Barry M. Goldwater Range, they are now entrusted with the security and stewardship of the natural and cultural resources found on the range.





# F-16 FIGHTING FALCON



## F-16 FIGHTING FALCON

The sophisticated F-16 Fighting Falcon began performing the fighter training mission here Feb. 2, 1983. This multi-role fighter is equally potent in air-to-air and air-to-surface situations, combining advanced fly-by-wire technology with relatively low-cost production

and maintenance. Its maneuverability and combat radius exceed that of all threat fighter aircraft while operating in an air superiority role. In an air-to-surface role, the F-16 has an exceptional mission radius of more than 500 nautical miles, superior weapons delivery accuracy and excellent self-defense capability.

Because the F-16 is small, it is difficult to detect, visually or with radar and hard to hit. The Falcon is only 47.6 feet long, with a span of 32.8 feet and measuring 16.4 feet to the tip of the tail.

The F-16's light weight is achieved without extensive use of exotic materials or at the cost of strength. Structural capability allows full exploitation of the unique F-16 maneuver characteristics. Design load limit is nine times the force of gravity with full internal fuel, in contrast to other fighters whose limits are 6.5Gs to 7.3Gs with only 60 to 80 percent internal fuel.

The F-16's high thrust-to-weight ratio and low-wing loading permit it to outmaneuver any threat aircraft in the classic air combat arena and consume a fraction of the fuel of an F-15E Eagle when performing the same mission. The F-16 Fighting Falcon provides a significant increase in combat capability with a lower investment in money, manpower and fuel.



# LOCAL AREA

## HISTORY

Arizona's first inhabitants were Indians who migrated here 12,000 years ago across the land bridge, which once connected Alaska with Asia. When they were the only inhabitants of the area, the Indians lived in elaborate adobe dwellings, which often were as tall as a 10-story building. Many tribes, including the Apache, Hopi, Navajo, Tohono O'odham, Pima and several other small groups resided near what is now Phoenix.

Spaniards sent from Mexico in the early 1500's explored Arizona. When Mexico declared independence from Spain in 1821, Arizona flew the flag of Mexico. Then, for \$10 million Gadsden Purchase, the United States obtained most of the land that is now known as New Mexico and Arizona.

Arizona rapidly expanded after 1853, when ranchers and miners fought the Indians who felt challenged by western expansion. Disputes between settlers and the Indians grew year by year and in the 1800's, 20 percent of the U.S. Army was stationed in Arizona.

When Geronimo was captured in 1886, the Indian wars ended. The economy was boosted with the completion of the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific railroads in the late 1800's.

A period of the "Wild West" descended on Arizona when outlaw gangs and renegade Indians roamed large areas of the state. The colorful shootouts in places like



Tombstone were common; the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" between the Earps and Clantons symbolizes the lawlessness that ruled the territory. The Arizona Rangers eventually restored order around the turn of the century. Since becoming the 48th state in 1912, Arizona has maintained its proud heritage while attracting thousands of new residents each year.

Arizona is home to 21 Indian tribes on 20 reservations and has the largest number of Indian reservations in the United States. In 1940, the population was less than 500,000. It's now more than 5.1 million.

An extremely pleasant climate, vast natural beauty and strong economical base make Arizona an attractive place to live and work.







## GEOGRAPHY

Arizona is a tremendously beautiful state. Arid deserts predominate in the south and breathtaking mountain ranges rise from the desert floor in the center of the state. Northern Arizona has beautiful mountains, high deserts and scenic canyons.

From the top of 12,633-foot Mount Humphreys near Flagstaff to the 70-foot Colorado River in Yuma County, Arizona has much to offer virtually everyone. Popular sites include the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Painted Desert and Petrified Forest, London Bridge at Lake Havasu City, Sonoran Desert, red rocks of Sedona, Old Tucson and hundreds of western mining towns with varied and interesting histories.

Luke Air Force Base is located in Maricopa County and is approximately 30 miles northwest of central Phoenix. Though several communities surround the base, it was Glendale that annexed Luke as part of their municipality. The base is actually located about 10 miles from the city of Glendale.

Glendale is a dynamic and growing community located in the rapidly growing northwest part of the Phoenix metropolitan area (which is known as the "Valley of the Sun."). With a current population of over 225,000 residents, it has been one of the fastest growing cities in the United States for the past three decades. Only three Arizona cities—Phoenix, Tucson and Mesa—have more residents.

## CLIMATE

More than 300 days of sunshine and low humidity make for a very comfortable and active lifestyle for Phoenix residents and visitors. Nine months out of the year, Valley residents enjoy mild, spring-like temperatures. The average high temperature is 88 degrees Fahrenheit and the average low is 64 degrees Fahrenheit. Average rainfall is about 7.66 inches.

## SCHOOLS

Students in Arizona's fine educational system traditionally score above the national average on high school SATs. Phoenix area schools offer 80 vocational courses at the secondary school level. In addition, 130 private schools in Maricopa County offer an alternate choice for newcomers.

The public school system in Arizona is divided into elementary, high school and unified districts. Elementary school districts include kindergarten through eighth grades; high school districts range from ninth through 12th grades. Most of the existing junior high schools include just the seventh and eighth



grades and are therefore in the elementary districts. Some school districts may have one or more schools, but many have just one school. And yet, some do not even operate a school, but instead transport their students to a school in another district. Each school district operates independently, maintaining its own student and personnel files, doing its own buying and hiring of personnel and has its own salary schedule.

Those assigned to Luke have many opportunities to pursue higher education nearby. There are numerous educational and training facilities such as the American Graduate School of International Management, Arizona State University West

## ARIZONA FACTS AND FIGURES

*Arizona became the 48th state in February 1912, which is how it received one of its nicknames, The Valentine State. Its other nickname is The Grand Canyon State.*

State Bird	Cactus Wren
State Flower	Saguaro Cactus Bloom
State Mammal	Ring-Tail Cat
State Amphibian	Arizona Tree Frog
State Fish	Apache Trout
State Reptile	Ridge-Nose Rattlesnake
State Tree	Pale Verde
State Neckwear	Bola Tie
State Colors	Blue and Gold
State Gemstone	Turquoise
State Fossil	Petrified Wood
State Motto	Didat Deus meaning God enriches.
State Song	"Arizona March Song" by Margaret Row Clifford

## Age of Maricopa Residents

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000  
Summary File 1, Table P12  
Glendale - Median Age: 33.0  
Glendale - Population: 225,000

Age	Population	Age	Population
< 5	41,974	45-49	194,504
5-9	238,222	50-54	171,960
10-14	222,056	55-59	133,812
15-17	125,751	60-61	44,980
18-19	88,921	62-64	62,310
20	45,068	65-66	39,502
21	43,581	67-69	57,774
22-24	135,795	70-74	91,540
25-29	246,693	75-79	78,372
30-34	241,636	80-84	51,664
35-39	247,666	85+	40,127
40-44	228,241		

## THE STATE

"Ale-h-zon" is a 2-word Tohono O'odham Indian phrase meaning "little spring." Arizona is more than springs or mountains, deserts and forests. It is a state with a proud heritage, which offers unlimited opportunities for recreational enjoyment and sheer scenic beauty.

Campus, Glendale Community College and Midwestern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. All of these institutions are leaders in their areas of expertise. Arizona State University is recognized as one of the finest educational institutions in the United States. Its enrollment exceeds 38,000. ASU also offers a branch campus, ASU West in Glendale.

The Maricopa County Community College system provides an excellent choice for junior college students. The many diverse colleges and universities in the area serve a variety of educational needs.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

The Phoenix area has a rich array of major medical services, with specialized services for heart, kidney, head injury and Mental Health care equal to any other major medical community in the country.

In addition to the modern and up-to-date hospital care, the Maricopa County General Hospital is recognized as one of the finest burn treatment facilities in the Southwest and in the nation.

## AREA ATTRACTIONS

### Phoenix

<http://phoenix.gov/DISCOVER/index.html>  
[www.phoenixcvb.com](http://www.phoenixcvb.com)

The Greater Phoenix metro area encompasses Glendale along with a number of other communities, including Tempe, Scottsdale and Mesa. The region as a whole is known as "The Valley of the Sun" and offers a wealth of recreation possibilities. There is truly something for everyone in the Valley, be they a history buff, nature lover, art enthusiast, adventurer or sports fan.

More than 300 arts and cultural venues—ranging from historic sites to performing arts theatres—dot the region. These venues celebrate the "Southwest" lifestyle and encompass the area's Native American, Hispanic, African American and cowboy roots.

The wide variety of attractions in the Greater Phoenix region allows residents to "escape" for the day from the bustle of the city. Two zoos and an animal park allow guests to explore the creatures of the world without leaving home. Numerous venues allow patrons to experience life in the "Wild West." There is

even an assortment of water parks for cooling down during the warm summer months.

## Arts, Entertainment and Culture

### Arizona Museum for Youth

[www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com](http://www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com)  
(480) 644-2468  
35 N. Robson, Mesa

The Arizona Museum for Youth was founded in 1980 as the only children's museum in the United States to focus on the fine arts. Today, the museum continues to spark imaginations and stimulate to mind for everyone, regardless of age, with exhibits that change several times a year. Each exhibit is accompanied by "interactive art making activities." This offers children and parents the opportunity to explore the techniques and materials used to create the works in each exhibit.

### Arizona Science Center

[www.azscience.org](http://www.azscience.org)  
(602) 716-2000  
600 East Washington St., Phoenix

With more than 40,000 square-feet of gallery space, the Arizona Science Center is on of the premiere "hands-on" learning destination in the Southwest. Over 300 exhibits allow visitors to explore everything from energy and physics to the human body. At least four live demonstrations are held daily within the center, ranging from digestion to combustion, lava and more. The center also includes a 200-seat planetarium and 285-seat IMAX theatre and a number of multi-media classrooms.

### Dodge Theatre

[www.dodgetheatre.com](http://www.dodgetheatre.com)  
(602) 379-2800  
400 W. Washington St., Phoenix

The brand new, state of the art Dodge Theatre offers every imaginable form of entertainment. With seating ranging from 1,900 to 5,500 depending on the event, the theatre is perfect for intimate concerts, Broadway plays or sporting events.

### Grady Gammage

Memorial Auditorium  
[www.asugammage.com](http://www.asugammage.com)  
(480) 965-5062  
1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe

The 3,000-seat Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium is located on the Arizona





State University Tempe Campus and was designed by legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The auditorium was one of Wright's last designs and now hosts a full spectrum of events ranging from Broadway plays to contemporary dance routines.

#### **Heard Museum**

[www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)  
(602) 252-8848  
2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

The Heard Museum has grown immensely since its founding in 1929. Early pioneers to the region Dwight and Maie Heard founded the museum to share their passion for the Southwest's inhabitants, history and art. Today the museum has 10 galleries with key exhibits featuring katsina dolls, pottery, jewelry, paintings and sculptures. The Heards' original dream has grown enough to include a branch in Surprise and one in Scottsdale.

#### **Herberger Theater Center**

[www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org)  
(602) 254-7399  
222 E. Monroe, Phoenix

Home to the Arizona Theater Company, Childsplay, the Center Dance Ensemble and Actors Theater of Phoenix, the Herberger Theater Center has two separate stages for productions. The 827-seat Center Stage is designed so that no seat is more than 66 feet

from the stage, allowing for a more intimate experience with the performance. The 350-seat Stage West can be set up to accommodate for theater-in-the-round, cabaret or traditional theater production.

#### **Mesa Arts Center**

[www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com)  
(480) 644-6500  
1 E. Main St., Mesa

As the largest and most comprehensive arts center Arizona has to offer, the Mesa Arts Center a 212,755 square foot facility for the performing arts, visual arts and arts education. The center is composed of four theaters, galleries, art studios and classrooms, exhibition spaces and informal performance areas. The Mesa Symphony now calls the 1,600-seat Ikeda Theater home.

#### **Mesa Southwest Museum**

[www.cityofmesa.org/swmuseum](http://www.cityofmesa.org/swmuseum)  
(480) 644-2230  
53 N. MacDonald St., Mesa

The Mesa Southwest Museum encompasses the entire history of the southwest. Exhibits explore the region beginning with the dinosaurs and move through time to include the rich Native American culture and the early pioneers who relocated here in search of gold. Reconstructed dinosaur skeletons, Native American artifacts and

preserved stagecoaches highlight the exhibits. Also present for exploration is a reconstructed 1890's territorial jail.

#### **Orpheum Theatre**

<http://phoenix.gov/STAGES/orpheum.html>  
(602) 257-4300  
203 West Adams St., Phoenix

Following a 12 year, \$14 million renovation, the Orpheum Theatre has been reopened for "adaptive reuse" with much of its original splendor on display. Constructed in 1927, the Orpheum opened as a venue for vaudeville shows. Later in life, the theatre became primarily a movie house. Today, the Orpheum serves as a venue for countless first class productions, drawing thousands of people a year to experience what theater was meant to be.

#### **Phoenix Art Museum**

[www.phxart.org](http://www.phxart.org)  
(602) 257-1222  
1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

The Phoenix Art Museum contains a collection of over 17,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American and Western American art, ranging from the modern to the contemporary and even including fashion design. Notable artists in the collection include Monet, Picasso, Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe. The museum truly





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lives up to it's billing with "Cool art. In a cool place." The 203,000 square-foot building was designed in the mid-1990's to feature sweeping interior spaces and is kept at a perfect 72 degrees year round.

### **Phoenix Museum of History**

[www.pmo.org](http://www.pmo.org)

(602) 253-2734

105 N. 5th St., Phoenix

The Phoenix Museum of History features two galleries which focus on the history of the region. The main gallery focuses on important milestones in the development of Phoenix, dating back to prehistoric times and continuing to the mid-20th century. The second gallery features rotating exhibits, allowing for a new experience with each visit.

### **Phoenix Symphony Hall**

[www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org)

(602) 495-1999

75 N. 2nd St., Phoenix

The 75-member Phoenix Symphony serves more than 300,000 people yearly with close to 300 concerts and presentations. The season runs from September to May and features a classical and pops concerts.

### **Phoenix Theatre**

[www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com)

(602) 254-2151

100 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix

Founded in 1920, the Phoenix Theatre is the longest continuously-operated community theater in the United States. With its season running from September through

July, the Phoenix Theatre presents comedies, dramas, musicals and children's theatre.

### **Pueblo Grande Museum**

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/pueblo.html>

(602) 495-0901

4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix

Located at the site of a 1,500 year-old Hohokam village, the Pueblo Grande Museum is dedicated to expanding our knowledge of prehistory, history and the ethnology of Native Americans from the American Southwest. The museum grounds cover 102 acres and offer visitors the chance to explore an 800 year-old ceremony platform mound, an excavated ball court, full-scale reproductions of prehistoric Hohokam homes and view some of the last remaining Hohokam irrigation canals.

### **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Arts**

[www.smoca.org](http://www.smoca.org)

(480) 994-ARTS

7374 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale

The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, founded in 1999, is the only museum in the state of Arizona dedicated to art, architecture and design of our time. The narrower time frame allows the museum to house a broader range of art. Five galleries showcase rotating exhibits and works from the museum's permanent collection. SMOCA is also maintains an outdoor sculpture garden featuring works from renowned artists such as James.

### **Turrell and James Carpenter.**

Taliesin West

[www.franklloydwright.org](http://www.franklloydwright.org)

(480) 860-2700

12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

Taliesin West was built in the 1930's by Frank Lloyd Wright and his apprentices. This National Historic Landmark was built to serve as Wright's desert home, studio and as an architectural school. Encompassing 600 acres just outside of Scottsdale, Taliesin West is considered one of Wright's premiere works, showcasing his theories of organic design.

### **Attractions**

#### **Big Surf**

<http://tempe.golfland.com>

(480) 947-2477

1500 N. McClintock, Phoenix

Amid the semi-arid desert surrounding Phoenix, Big Surf offers a 2.5 acre "ocean" for escaping the heat. The water park offers 11 attractions to entertain and cool the entire family. Home to America's first wave pool, Big Surf also offers a number of water slides.







### Desert Botanical Garden

[www.desertbotanical.org](http://www.desertbotanical.org)

(480) 941-1225

1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

Located with Papago Park, the Desert Botanical Garden covers more than 150 acres showcasing more than 20,000 plants from the deserts of the world. A permanent three acre section is dedicated to the nearby Sonoran Desert with a saguaro forest, a desert oasis and a mesquite thicket.

### Out of Africa

[www.outofafricapark.com](http://www.outofafricapark.com)

(928) 567-2840

Verde Valley Justice Center Road,  
Camp Verde

Take an African safari, without ever leaving Arizona, courtesy of Out of Africa Wildlife Park. More than 300 African creatures have made their home in this 104 acre Verde Valley park. The park's unique design allows visitors to get up close and personal with some of the park's tamer residents, such as giraffes and zebras and allows for unobstructed views of the more aggressive member of the family, such as lions and other big cats.

### Phoenix Zoo

[www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org)

(602) 273-1341

455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

The Phoenix Zoo has been voted as one of the top five best zoos in the nation for children. The zoo covers 125 acres and features four trails totaling 2.5 miles in distance. Each of the trails focuses on a select group of animals.

One trail focuses on Africa, another takes a look at the Tropics and a third centers on the wild life population of Arizona. The fourth trail is specifically geared towards children.

### Rawhide

[www.rawhide.com](http://www.rawhide.com)

(480) 502-5600

5700 W. N. Loop Road, Chandler

This 35 year-old institution of Phoenix offers a taste of life in the "Wild Wild West." Set to resemble an 1880's gold rush town, Rawhide offers an authentic experience complete with gunfights, stunt shows, a shooting gallery, stagecoach rides, a petting zoo and sundown cookouts.

### SunSplash

<http://mesa.golfland.com>

(480) 834-8319

155 W. Hampton Ave., Mesa

SunSplash is a true water lovers paradise. The water park features an assortment of fun attractions designed to beat the heat. The large wave pool and endless river are perfect for relaxing and enjoying some sun in the water. A children's activity pool is devoted to parents and children seven and under. The Sidewinder is a "half-pipe thrill slide" and one of the parks more popular draws.

### Wildlife World Zoo

[www.wildlifeworld.com](http://www.wildlifeworld.com)

(623) 935-WILD (9453)

16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park

Open seven days a week and 365 days a year, the Wildlife World Zoo features some of the most exotic animals the world has to offer. The zoo was founded in 1984 by

Mickey Ollson who believed that exotic animals were the stars of the zoo and should be up-close and personal with the visitors. Among the exotic animals on display at the zoo are white Bengal tigers, maned wolves, African lions and white rhinoceroses.

### Outdoors

#### Camelback Mountain

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikecmlb.html>

(602) 262-6862

Thousands of nature lovers and hikers enjoy the beauty of Camelback Mountain every year. With sheer, red sandstone cliffs and a distinctive camel-like hump, Camelback Mountain is not to be missed. Two somewhat strenuous trails lead to the summit with easier, beginner-level trails around the base.

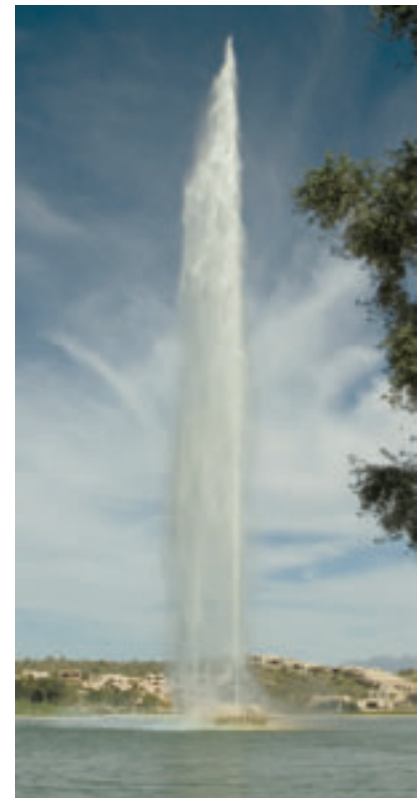
#### Fountain Hills Park

[www.fh.az.gov/ParksRec/Parks/Fountain/default.asp](http://www.fh.az.gov/ParksRec/Parks/Fountain/default.asp)

(480) 816-5151

12925 North Saguardo Blvd., Fountain Hills

Fountain Park is a 64 acre recreation area at the heart of Fountain Hills. With in the park, there is an 18-hole disc golf course, a children's playground and numerous picnic areas. But the true attraction at the park is the fountain and the center of the 29 acre lake. The fountain under perfect conditions can shoot a stream of water over 560 feet into the air.





### MacDonald's Ranch

[www.macdonaldsranch.com](http://www.macdonaldsranch.com)

(480) 585-0239

26540 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

MacDonald's Ranch is a functioning 1,300 acre horse ranch. The ranch is a premier horseback riding stable and western adventure tour destination. Whether you're looking for a horseback trail ride or a hayride in the morning, mid-day or in the evening, MacDonald's Ranch can do it.

### McDowell Mountain Regional Park

<http://maricopa.gov/parks/mcdowell>

(480) 471-0173

16300 McDowell Mountain Park Drive,  
Fountain Hills

This 21,099 acre park in the lower Verde River basin is a true desert jewel. With an elevation rising to over 3,000 feet, the park offers more than 50 miles of hiking and multiuse trails. These trails provide vantage points for spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges and the opportunity to view the area's wildlife, such as deer, javelina, birds or even coyotes.

### Phoenix Papago Park

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/papago.html>

(602) 256-6962

Van Buren Street and Galvin Parkway

Covering 1,200 acres in the heart of Metro Phoenix, the Phoenix Papago Park provides a plethora of recreation options. Hiking trails crisscross the park and with no major elevation changes can be enjoyed by the whole family. There are also fishing lagoons, an exercise course, four softball fields and numerous picnic areas complete with ramadas for rent.

### Piestewa Peak

<http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikephx.html>

(602) 262-7901

Piestewa Peak, named after fallen soldier Lori Piestewa, offers some of the more difficult yet rewarding hiking in the Phoenix area. Located in the heart of Phoenix, the peak rewards those who make it to the summit with amazing views of Phoenix and the surrounding Sonoran Desert.

### Superstition Mountains

[www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org](http://www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org)

(480) 983-4888

4087 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction

Just outside of Mesa, the Superstition Mountains offer something for everyone. With wide open trails, museums and abandoned ghost towns there's something for the entire family. Perhaps the biggest draw to the area is the famous Lost Dutchman Gold

Mine which has spurred many a visitor to search the area in hopes of finding a gold mine not yet depleted of its riches.

### Shopping

#### Arizona Center

[www.arizonacenter.com](http://www.arizonacenter.com)

(602) 271-4000

455 N. 3rd St., Phoenix

At the heart of downtown Phoenix, the Arizona Center is an open-air mall with a unique feel. Shoppers can find great dining opportunities and specialty retailers set among beautiful gardens complete with ponds.

#### Arizona Mills

[www.arizonamills.com](http://www.arizonamills.com)

(480) 491-7300

5000 Arizona Mills Circle, Tempe

Arizona Mills is Arizona's largest outlet and entertainment mega mall. Among the more notable outlet stores are Off Saks Fifth Avenue and Last Call Neiman Marcus. The mall also features an IMAX theater.

#### Biltmore Fashion Park

[www.shopbiltmore.com](http://www.shopbiltmore.com)

(602) 955-1963

2404 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix

The Biltmore Fashion Park is a beautiful outdoor shopping area with first-class store amid winding brick walkways, gardens and fountains. Store such as Saks Fifth Avenue,

Gucci, Cartier and Ralph Lauren can be found here.

#### Arrowhead Towne Center

[www.arrowheadtownecenter.com](http://www.arrowheadtownecenter.com)

7700 W. Arrowhead Towne Center

Glendale

Guest Services (623) 979-8928.

With more than 170 shops, eateries and department stores Arrowhead Towne Center invites you to enjoy a complete shopping, dining and entertainment experience. Stores such as Macy's, Dillard's, JC Penney's, Sears and a AMC Theater can be found here.

#### Kierland Commons

[www.kierlandcommons.com](http://www.kierlandcommons.com)

(480) 348-1577

15205 N. Kierland Blvd., Scottsdale

Kierland Commons is an upscale restaurant and commercial complex punctuated by a pedestrian-friendly main street. Shops include Anthropologie, Restoration Hardware and Tommy Bahama. Morton's Steakhouse and The Cheesecake Factory are also located within the mall.

### Sports

#### Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)

<http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com>

Chase Field, Phoenix

As an expansion team beginning play in 1998, the Arizona Diamondbacks had an







unprecedented rise to the top of Major League Baseball. Within just four seasons, the Diamondbacks could proclaim themselves the best in the league, winning the 2001 World Series. The team continues to excite Phoenix baseball fans on warm summer nights.

#### **Arizona Rattlers (Arena Football)**

[www.azrattlers.com](http://www.azrattlers.com)

(602) 379-2320

U.S. Airways Center

Take the game of football you know and love, add an extra shot of adrenaline and you've got Arena Football. Having made the championship game in of their fifteen seasons, The Arizona Rattlers are one of the premiere teams in the AFL. Come enjoy the high-scoring, high-intensity action.

#### **Arizona Cardinals (NFL)**

[www.azcardinals.com](http://www.azcardinals.com)

(602) 379-0101

University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale

With a new stadium and an exciting young team, the Arizona Cardinals are poised to reach the top of the NFL and stay there for years to come. Led by offensive weapons Matt Leinhardt, Anquan Boldin, Larry Fitzgerald and Edgerrin James, the Cardinals are sure to excite fans looking for pro-football action.

#### **ASU Sun Devils (Men's and Women's NCAA Sports)**

<http://thesundevils.cstv.com>

(888) 786-3857

Boasting nine men's and 11 women's collegiate level sports teams, the Arizona State University is a haven for sports fans.

Perennially a national powerhouse in Baseball and Softball, the Sun Devils are always competitive in all sports in the Pac-10, including Football and men's and women's basketball.

#### **Firebird International Raceway**

[www.firebirdraceway.com](http://www.firebirdraceway.com)

(602) 268-0200

20,000 S. Maricopa Road, Chandler

Arizona's home to "The Extreme Motorsport," Firebird International Raceway is one of the nation's best raceways for National Hot Rod Association races. Come feel the excitement as some of the sport's best performers cover a quarter-mile in 4.5 seconds at speeds of more than 325 miles per hour.

#### **Phoenix Coyotes (NHL)**

[www.phoenixcoyotes.com](http://www.phoenixcoyotes.com)

(623) 772-3200

Jobing.com Arena, Glendale

Led by "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky, the Phoenix Coyotes present some of the most intense, hard-hitting action around. Formerly the Winnipeg Jets, the team relocated to Phoenix in 1996 and has only had one losing season since.

#### **Phoenix Greyhound Park**

[www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com](http://www.phoenixgreyhoundpark.com)

(602) 273-7181

3801 E. Washington St., Phoenix

Phoenix Greyhound Park offers live greyhound racing and pari-mutuel betting seven nights a week. Pari-mutuel betting means that bettors wager between themselves, not against the house. There are also daily simulcast races from other parks across the nation.

#### **Phoenix International Raceway**

[www.phoenixinternationalraceway.com](http://www.phoenixinternationalraceway.com)

(602) 252-2227

7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale

In 1964, the Phoenix International Raceway opened as a premiere destination for American open wheel racing. The track quickly became a favorite of drivers such as Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt. In 1988, PIR welcomed NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series racing to Phoenix. Today, PIR hosts events from both associations and is one of the top automobile racing venues in the nation.

#### **Phoenix Mercury (WNBA)**

[www.wnba.com/mercury](http://www.wnba.com/mercury)

(602) 514-8333

U.S. Airways Center, Phoenix

The Phoenix Mercury were one of the eight original WNBA teams when the league started play in 1997. With 2004 WNBA Rookie of the Year Diana Taurasi at the helm, the Mercury are positioned to play exciting basketball for the foreseeable future.

#### **Phoenix Suns (NBA)**

[www.nba.com/suns](http://www.nba.com/suns)

(602) 379-7900

U.S. Airways Center, Phoenix

With 2004-05 and 2005-06 NBA MVP Steve Nash running the offense, the Suns have returned to prominence among the NBA in recent years. With a "Run N' Gun" style offense, the Suns offer high intensity action with every game they play.

#### **Turf Paradise**

[www.turfparadise.com](http://www.turfparadise.com)

(602) 942-1101

1501 W. Bell Road, Phoenix

Enthusiasts of thoroughbred racing need look no further than Turf Paradise. Since it opened in 1956, Turf Paradise has offered top notch horse racing almost daily from September to May.

### **AROUND ARIZONA**

[www.arizonaguide.com](http://www.arizonaguide.com)

[www.azot.com](http://www.azot.com)

#### **Sedona**

[www.visitsedona.com](http://www.visitsedona.com)

(800) 288-7336 331

Forest Road, Sedona.

Sedona is situated in a unique geological area, one that has mesmerized visitors for decades. Surrounded by breathtaking red-rock monoliths, Sedona is a haven for those who not only love spectacular scenery and open spaces, but those who desire an upscale, sophisticated destination with all the amenities.





### Tucson

[www.visittucson.org](http://www.visittucson.org)

#### Biosphere 2

[www.bio2.com](http://www.bio2.com)

(520) 838-6200

32540 S. Biosphere Road, Tucson

Originally constructed as a research facility to test the possibility of space colonies, Biosphere 2 is now open for public tours. The facility was used to test if people could work and sustain a closed biosphere while carrying out scientific experiments. Along the guided tour, visitors will get a glimpse of the researcher's habitat and the Technisphere as well as four distinct ecosystems.

#### Colossal Cave Mountain Park

[www.colossalcave.com](http://www.colossalcave.com)

(520) 647-7275

16721 E. Old Spanish Trail, Vail

Throughout the course of history, Colossal Cave has served numerous people. As early as 900 A.D. the Hohokam Indians lived in a thriving community surrounding the cave, which was used for shelter, storage and as a shrine. Among the more interesting uses of the cave since those early days, was as a hide out for train robbers in the 1880s. Come take a tour of the history and natural beauty of this Nationally Registered Historic Place.

#### International Wildlife Museum

[www.thewildlifemuseum.org](http://www.thewildlifemuseum.org)

(520) 629-0100

4800 W. Gates Pass Road

The International Wildlife Museum was founded in 1988 with the mission of "increasing knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world..." Today, the museum has over 400 species of insects, mammals and birds from across the globe on display.

#### Old Tucson Studios

[www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com)

(520) 883-0100

201 S. Kinney Road, Tucson

Old Tucson Studios offers visitors a taste of the Old West through entertainment and mesquite-grilled barbecue. The studio has also been voted "Best Western Movie Set" by *True West* magazine and is listed as one of five one-of-a-kind sites to visit in Tucson. Film and television shoots occur at the studio throughout the year.

#### Pima Air and Space Museum

[www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org)

(520) 574-0462

6000 Valencia Road, Tucson

The Pima Air and Space Museum first opened to the public in 1976 with a display collection of 75 aircraft. Today, the museum

has a collection of over 250 aircraft covering an area of over 80 acres. The museum also occasionally offers docent led tours of the adjacent AMARC "Boneyard," the fabled "Graveyard of Planes" located on Davis Monthan Air Force Base.

#### Titan Missile Museum

[www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org)

(520) 625-7736

1580 W. Duval Mine Road,  
Green Valley

The Titan Missile Museum is operated by the Pima Air and Space Museum and is a National Historic Landmark. The silo was originally constructed in 1963 to house and launch Titan II rockets during the Cold War and was deactivated in 1982. Today, a deactivated Titan II rocket sits in its silo just as it would have then, minus its warhead and fuel of course. It is the only remaining Titan II rocket after all the others were destroyed at the end of the Cold War.

#### Tombstone

[www.cityoftombstone.com](http://www.cityoftombstone.com)

(520) 457-3929

Just over an hour's drive southeast of Tucson is "The Town too Tough to Die," better known as Tombstone, Ariz. Tombstone's main claim to fame is the O.K. Corral ([www.ok-corral.com](http://www.ok-corral.com)), site of Wyatt Earp's famous "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral." Other attractions in Tombstone include the allegedly haunted Bird Cage Theater, a former saloon and brothel and Boot Hill Cemetery, final resting place for more than 250 of Tombstone's original residents, including Billy Clanton from the "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral."

#### Trail Dust Town

[www.traildusttown.com](http://www.traildusttown.com)

(520) 296-5442

6541 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson

Trail Dust Town was originally constructed as a movie set, but today is considered the premiere "in-town" western town in Tucson. With a host of attractions, including the Fiesta del Presidio carousel, a C.P. Huntington miniature train, stunt shows and the Museum of the Horse Soldier, Trail Dust Town now attracts over 500,000 visitors a year to enjoy the town's old-fashioned ambiance.

#### Flagstaff

[www.flagstaffarizona.org](http://www.flagstaffarizona.org)

#### The Arboretum at Flagstaff

[www.thearb.org](http://www.thearb.org)

(928) 774-1441

4001 S. Woody Mountain Road, Flagstaff

The Arboretum at Flagstaff is dedicated to enhancing the understanding, appreciation and conservation of plants native to the Colorado Plateau. To that end, the arboretum offers guided tours daily of over 2,500 species of high-elevation plants. More than 100 species of birds have been sights through over the several miles of trails the arboretum maintains.

#### Arizona Snowbowl

[www.arizonasnowbowl.com](http://www.arizonasnowbowl.com)

(928) 779-1951

Highway 180, Flagstaff

Arizona Snowbowl, located on the San Francisco Peaks in Coconino National Forest, offers a uniquely enjoyable experience for the entire family. With 32 trails covering 777 acres of pristine terrain, the Snowbowl caters to all experience levels of both skiers and snowboarders. Group and private lessons are available as are two popular programs geared for kids.

#### Coconino National Forest

[www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino)

(928) 527-3600

Coconino National Forest covers over 1,800,000 acres of beautiful Arizona wilderness, ranging from the Red Rocks of Sedona, to Ponderosa Pine Forests and alpine tundra. Amid the majesty of the park, visitors can explore mountains and canyons, fish in forest lakes and wade through creeks and streams.

#### Heritage Square

[www.heritagesquaretrust.org](http://www.heritagesquaretrust.org)

(928) 774-6929

Aspen Avenue, between Leroux and San Francisco Streets

Flagstaff Heritage Square is a perfect gathering spot in the heart of downtown Flagstaff. A large variety of events are held in the Square throughout the summer. "Thursdays on the Square" has long been a cherished live music series in the Square between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Also during the summer "Movies on the Square" are shown Friday nights with the family in mind. The Heritage Square Trust holds a summer long concert series on weekend afternoons.

#### Lowell Observatory

[www.lowell.edu](http://www.lowell.edu)

(928) 233-2311

1400 W. Mars Hill Road, Flagstaff

The Lowell Observatory was founded in 1894 by Percival Lowell and continues its work as an active research station to this day. Guided tours lead visitors through the observatory to the original telescope built in 1896 and the telescope used in 1930 to discover





Pluto. The tours run daily and most evenings the telescope is open to use by visitors.

#### **Museum of Northern Arizona**

[www.musnaz.org](http://www.musnaz.org)

(928) 774-5213

3101 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff

The Museum of Northern Arizona was founded in 1928 as a private, nonprofit institution dedicated to preserving the history and culture of northern Arizona and the Colorado Plateau. Today, the museum and its repositories house more than 5 million Native American artifacts, natural science specimens and fine art pieces from the region.

#### **Pioneer Museum-Arizona**

Historical Society

[www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org)

(928) 774-6277

2340 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff

Founded in 1906, the Pioneer Museum was relocated to the historic Coconino County Hospital for the Indigent in 1963 and houses an immense collection of items pertaining to Arizona's history. The collection of artifacts includes farm machinery, vehicles, medical equipment, household items, toys and a 1929 Baldwin articulated locomotive with a Santa Fe caboose.

#### **National Parks and Monuments**

[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

#### **Canyon de Chelly National Monument**

[www.nps.gov/cach](http://www.nps.gov/cach)

(928) 674-5500

Approximately 4.5 hours northwest of Flagstaff on Highway 191, Canyon de Chelly represents one of the longest continuously inhabited areas of North America. The canyon is home to a large number of spectacular ruins of the ancient Puebloan culture known as the Anasazi. Canyon de Chelly National Monument is a unique member of the National Parks service, in that it is entirely composed of Navajo Tribal Trust Land. Within the park is a thriving community of Navajo people and some areas of the park are off limits to the general public without a Navajo guide.

#### **Grand Canyon National Park**

[www.nps.gov/grca](http://www.nps.gov/grca)

(928) 638-7888

Approximately two hours north of Flagstaff on Highway 180 Grand Canyon became a National Park in 1919, following a number of years as a National Monument and a Forest Reserve. The canyon was carved over millions of years by the Colorado River and is almost 280 miles long with its width ranging from just a quarter-mile to more

than fifteen miles wide. The resulting cut into the Colorado Plateau has exposed more nearly two billion years of the Earth's history stored in layers of rock. The Grand Canyon is one of the world's premiere natural attractions and brings over 5 million people to the state of Arizona yearly, including a large number of international visitors.

#### **Ironwood Forest National Monument**

[www.blm.gov/az/ironwood/ironwood.htm](http://www.blm.gov/az/ironwood/ironwood.htm)

(520) 258-7200

Approximately one hour south of Phoenix on Interstate 10 Ironwood Forest National Monument is managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and contains the largest concentration of Ironwood trees found in the Sonoran Desert. The monument is also home to several federally recognized endangered and threatened animal and plant species. Also found within the monument's borders are more than 200 Hohokam archeological sites dated from between 600 and 1450 A.D.

#### **Organ Pipe Cactus**

National Monument

[www.nps.gov/orpi](http://www.nps.gov/orpi)

(520) 387-6849 Ext. 0

Approximately 3 hours south of Phoenix on Highway 85. Located along the U.S./ Mexican Border, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is the quintessential desert retreat. The monument, located within the Sonoran Desert, is home to the Organ Pipe cactus along with numerous other varieties of cacti and desert flora. The area is perfect for RV camping, tent camping and hiking.

#### **Petrified Forest National Park**

[www.nps.gov/pefo](http://www.nps.gov/pefo)

(928) 524-6228

Approximately 2 hours east of Flagstaff on Interstate 40 Petrified Forest National Park in northeast Arizona has one of the highest concentrations of petrified wood in the world. The park is connected to the multi-hued badlands of the Painted Desert





and is one of the best geologic and fossil records of the Late Triassic Period found in the world. Many of the fossils from the region date back 225 million years. There are also a number of significant American Indian petroglyph and archeological sites within the park.

### **Sunset Crater National Monument**

[www.nps.gov/sucr](http://www.nps.gov/sucr)

(928) 526-0502

12 miles north of Flagstaff on Highway 89

Sunset Crater Volcano is the youngest of more than 600 volcanoes in the San Francisco Volcanic Field of Northern Arizona. These volcanoes range in age from 6 million years old to less than 1000 years old and helped form the Colorado Plateau. The area around Sunset Crater is still in the process of recovering from the eruption, which took place sometime between 1040 and 1100 A.D. A visitor's center has exhibits on the power of an eruption, the causes of it and the aftermath to follow.

### **Walnut Canyon National Monument**

[www.nps.gov/waca](http://www.nps.gov/waca)

(928) 526-3367

10 miles east of Flagstaff on Interstate 40

Walnut Canyon, with its 350 foot high canyon walls, is home to more than 25 cliff rooms built by ancient Puebloan people. The monument has two main trails for experiencing home these people lived. The Rim Trail gives visitors an overview of the canyon, while the more strenuous Island Trail descends into the canyon and leads visitors to the cliff dwellings themselves.

### **Wupatki National Monument**

[www.nps.gov/wupa](http://www.nps.gov/wupa)

(928) 679-2365

33 miles north of Flagstaff  
on Highway 89

Wupatki National Monument is located nearby Sunset Crater National Monument. The area received a large influx of people shortly after the eruption of Sunset Crater Volcano due to the highly fertile farming lands created by the fallen ash from the eruption. A number of Ancient Puebloan cultures are represented by the ruins within the monument, ranging from the Kayenta Anasazi to the Sinagua, but the most impressive is Wupatki Pueblo. Meaning "Big House" in the Hopi language, Wupatki Pueblo is thought to have been the area's tallest and largest building of its time. Another significant structure found within the monument is a ball court similar to those found in Meso-America.